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Blackcat

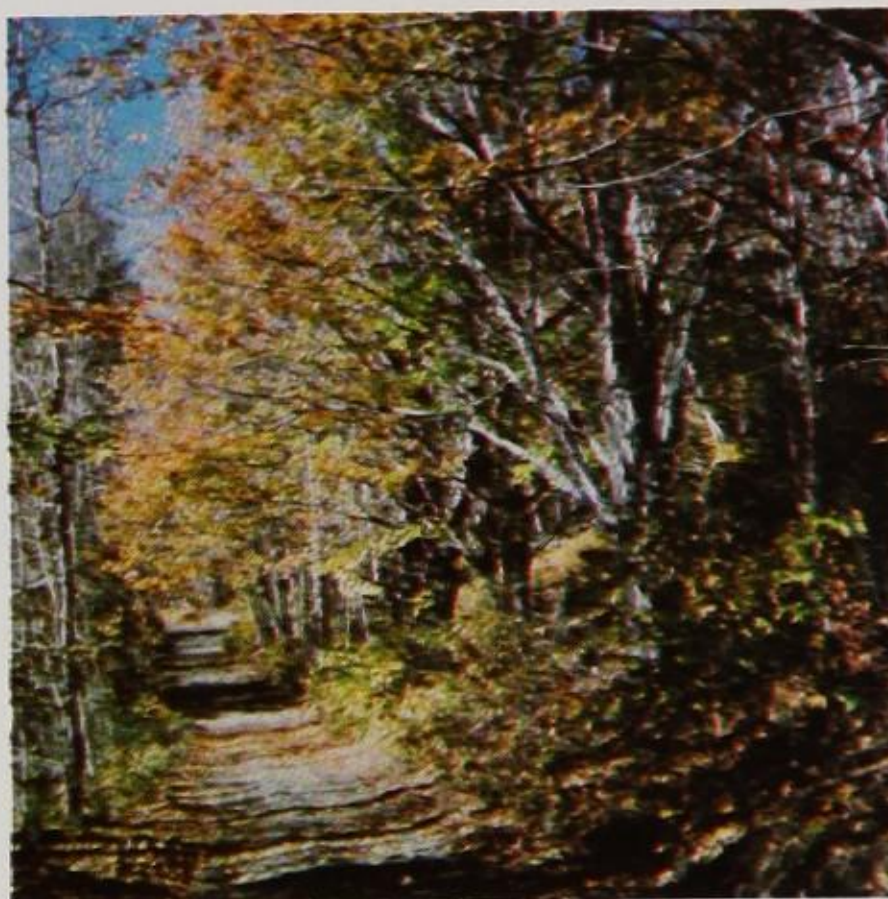
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The 1985 Blackcat . . . A Slice of Life

On the job, Mr. R. makes deliveries of soap, paper towels, unclogging sinks, or changing light bulbs.

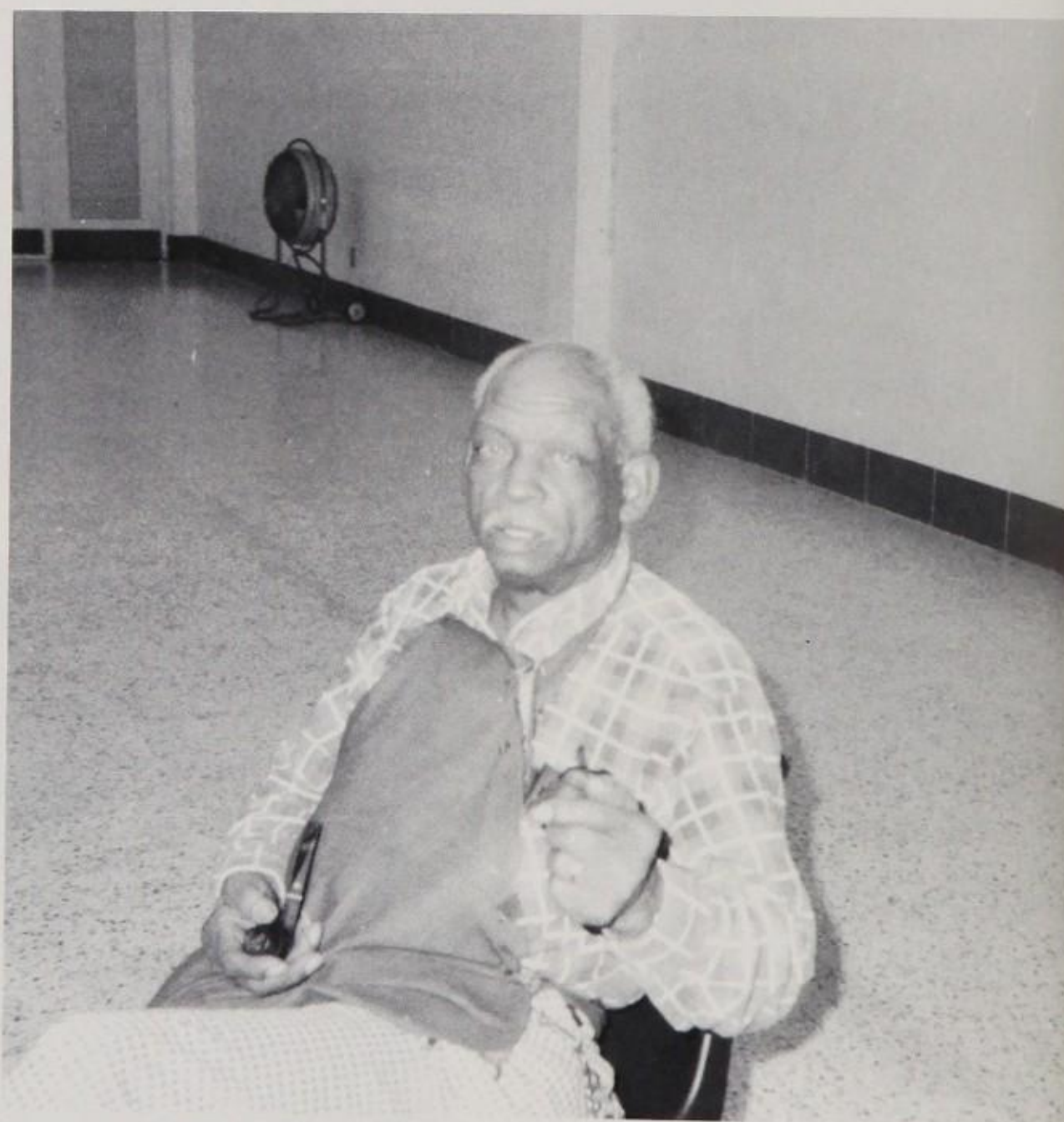
Mr. R. in his room where current supplies are kept.

Blackcat denotes thanks

Mr. Rudolph Smith, more affectionately known as Mr. Rudolph, was born in Limestone County on July 16, 1911. He graduated from Dunbar High School. He married the former Lillian Lampkin in 1933, and they had seven children. He is the proud grandfather of twenty-three children and the great-grandfather of two. He has two brothers and one sister. Mr. Rudolph has been working at Mexia High School for thirty-one years. He enjoys fishing in his spare time. When asked how school differed from the time he attended, he commented: "When I attended school, the finishing point was the eleventh grade. The teachers were stricter and there was a nine o'clock curfew.

Due to his many years of dedicated service to Mexia High, the members of the Blackcat staff felt it most appropriate to dedicate the 1985 Blackcat to this deserving individual. Congratulations, thank you, and keep up the good work.

Mr. R. takes his morning break.





Student Life



A picture to daydream by.

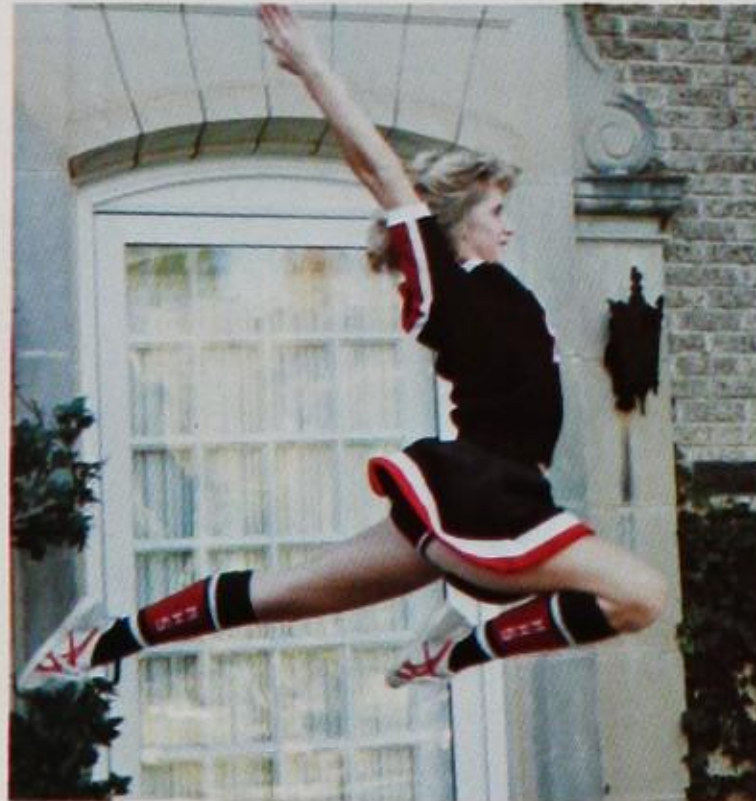
Changes by State.

*New rules affect
all at MHS*

Coach Caskey administers aid to Fred Hutchison at the Crockett game.



Varsity Cheerleader Lisa Ledbetter jumps for MHS at annual photo session.



1985 Pep Rally shows student spirit during the school song.



Secretaries Betty Bosley and Florence Jones get into the spirit of Halloween for the Crockett football game.

Mr. Lucas helps compose his band section photo.



JoAl Cannon and Brandi Smith try to make Thure Cannon into Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer at Student Council tree-decorating meeting.



Editor Kathy Hitt checks out an annual photo she developed.



Valerie Taylor studies hard during VOE class.

The opening of school saw a flurry of students and teachers with a mixture of emotions from excitement to dread especially considering all the new state regulations. It really hadn't sunk in all the changes that were mandated by the state. No school-sponsored trips during the school day, no exam exemptions, club meetings before and after school were the issues most affecting students' life styles.

The first days began a new small "slice of life" for each person who entered the doors of MHS. Even with all the changes, pep rallies on Fridays continued at the end of the school day. Most football Fridays saw teachers and students alike dressed in various "theme clothing".

Although the state changes affected our lives, devoted students and teachers alike plodded along and gritted their teeth to make the 1985-year count. Whether it was in athletics, academics, contests, or organizations, we were there. We wanted this small slice of life to count, it did.

Band fish initiated.

Did you see ghosts in the hall at the beginning of school? No, you probably just saw one of the many Freshmen of the Band wearing a sheet with FISH OF THE BAND written across their faces. This event was one of the Senior's favorite times of the year because they got revenge on the Freshmen because these Seniors remembered what happened to them as Freshmen.

Freshman Dawn Vlier.



Freshmen Shannon O'Brien and Susie Ross.
Evonne Greer.



Freshman Craig Dawkins and Senior JoAl Cannon.

Freshman Andrea Lain.





1984 Academic Sweater Winners

Jenny Allen**	Sherry Hughes**
Rhonda Allen*	Courtney Jennings**
Wesley Allen*	Karen Jones**
Simone Anderson**	Leanne Kennedy*
Dedra Barker***	Randal Levingston***
Terri Barker****	Lisa Lewis*
Stephanie Beene*	Donnette Loden**
Stephen Bonner****	Bart Lowry*
Jim Bosley**	Joe Lucas**
Carmen Boyd***	Rhonda McDade**
Porter Briggs*	Shauna McGowan**
Kim Brown****	Angie Martin*
JoAl Cannon**	Mike Miller**
Brian Carter*	Jay Moore**
Dawn Cate*	David Myers***
Jackie Chatham**	Tamra Nelson***
Shelly Cooper**	Vince Palasota***
Lisa Current**	Christine Pool***
Mary Alice Danner**	Lucille Reiter*
Lori Elick***	Barry Richardson*
Sherrie Fisher*	Laura Rogers****
Bette Flatt***	Carla Sadler*
Wendy Foley***	Scott Samford**
Mitzi Fountain***	Anna Schuster***
Missy Furlow****	Cynthia Sewell*
Shannon Gilliam****	Kim Smith**
Sherrill Glenn**	Shelli Smith**
Lisa Gregory*	Glenda Sterling**
Scott Haney****	Monette Stone**
Carla Hawkins***	Mary Teel**
Clay Hawkins*	Rhonda Teel*
Roberta Haynes*	Shanna Wilkins**
Christine Helweg*	Ann Wilson**
Susan Hendricks*	Davy Winkler****
Joanna Hill***	

*indicates number of years sweater earned

The Academic Sweater assembly opened with Mrs. George Kucera, Pres. of the Woman's Friday Club as MC. Student Council Vice President Shelli Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Supt. Funderburk welcoming all to the 25th year of awards recognizing MHS students. Judge P.K. Reiter presented scholarships to 1984 Grad's., followed by Principal Lucas certifying the sweater winners.

Opinions on academics were asked

several recipients. Randal Levingston felt that "... good grades are important in order to succeed later on in life and commented that he studies six to seven hours a night." Simone Anderson said she studies "... no more than an hour a night depending on the subject." Ask how she felt about winning a sweater, Stephanie Beene responded: "I think it's great. It makes me feel good inside!!" She also said "... studying doesn't come naturally."

Awards

recognize students.



Q. Do your parents encourage you to make good grades?

A. Shelli Smith: "Yes. I always made good grades in elementary school and every time I made the honor roll my dad and grandfather gave me money. That's probably what encouraged me most."

1985 Homecoming Queen Joal Cannon.

Duchesses: Lisa Ledbetter, Carolyn Chanbers, and Cherish Wilkins.

1984 Queen Sheneita Reed crowns JoAl Cannon 1984 Homecoming Queen.



JoAl and David at a formal photo session.

Homecoming events begin with blazes.



JoAl Cannon and David Myers leaving the field after the crowning.



The Blackcats and JoAl Cannon are winners at 1985 Homecoming.

MHS was not a large school in size comparatively speaking but in spirit one of the largest. This feeling was evident as the stands were overflowing with Ex's, current students, and other interested spectators from Mexia. Even with the dreary muddy weather, emotions ran wild in anticipation of the Homecoming with Fairfield and excitement over who the new Queen would be.

Preceding the game, the Bonfire was held on Thursday evening but not with the same excitement of the previous years. No classes were to be missed to collect wood due to the new state regulations. Most of the work was done by the girls as a result of the ruling and football practice. The panic to find trucks to carry the wood also created havoc. To top that off, Christa Chrisner lost a load of wooden pallets on Ross temporarily blocking traffic. But alas, the stack was lit and homecoming events began with blazes.

Friday was filled with ex-

citement as chains were measured and hall decorations judged with 8th winning on chains and Juniors on halls. And school was finally out, the football players ready and the dance committee finished. Everyone was rushing and excited.

The game was one of our best defensive games of the season and Fairfield was defeated 22 to 9. The dance left some disappointed since there was no live band. With traditional couples and friends pictures being taken at the dance, good feelings were rekindled. Many left the dance early but not **that** game.

Memories of the 1985 Homecoming will be shared by all. With special memories for '85 Queen JoAl Cannon and her court Duchesses Lisa Ledbetter, Carolyn Chambers, and Cherish Wilkins, and Princesses Renee Procter, Mitzi Fountain, Tamra Nelson and Rachel Bluit.



JoAl and Princesses Renee Proctor, Mitzi Fountain, Tamra Nelson, and Rachel Bluit.

Q. What do you do on dates?

A. Lisa Ledbetter: "We (Jay and I) go out and see a movie and eat or go riding around and just enjoy each other's company."



Q. What do you consider a "Great Date"?

A. Tamra Nelson: "Going out with Vince (Palasota)! Whatever we do is great, whether we go out of town or just sit home and watch TV — we always have alot of fun!!"



Q. Do school and grades cause a problem between you and your mate?

A. Kim Guest: "Well, going to school, I get to see him (Mike Smith) a lot more during the day. Like during the summer, we both work and we don't get to see each other till later that night.

As for grades, I make the same kind of grades I've always made. Mike is about the same way too, but he's always made good grades. School does not cause a problem between us, we love to be with each other as much as we can."



COUPLES

Tired of the same old dates, couples search for new ideas.

Running around the house trying to find the right thing to wear and trying to get your hair to do right were a few among the many things girls had to go through to get ready for dates. When their dates came to pick them up they figured it was all worth it.

Going to Waco and riding the drag were the most popular places to go on dates. On the weekends some couples got together and played football, basketball or just went swinging in the park trying to find new ideas for dates.

Most of the girls dated older guys but there were some who went for the younger guys and even less dated guys their own age.



Q. Do you get to see each other on school nights?

A. Shelli Smith: "Not very often because Bart (Lowry) lives too far out and I usually have to work on most school nights."



Q. Do you ever go "Dutch"?

A. Sherrie Gilroy & Donny Calvert: "No!"



Kenneth Black, Warren Matthews and Eddie Warren building, the bonfire.

Jay Moore lighting the bonfire.



A lone student meditates on the event.



1985 Homecoming Queen, JoAl Cannon rides atop the convertible amid an array of red flowers.

'85 Bonfire disappoints none.

And the fire is on.



Political posters top the blaze.

The '85 bonfire was expected to be a disappointment but it fell short of that expectation. Although fewer students participated the results were magnificent.

The presidential election year was evident with many political posters topping the blaze. Jay Moore set the first match and the bonfire was underway.

This event started the excitement of the Homecoming weekend.



And the end is near.

1. Ginger Simmons, Mitzi Fountain, Barry Richardson and Rhonda McDade. Barry feels "\$3 poorer when it rains after he washes his car. That money could have gone into the bottomless pit—the GAS TANK!!"

One MHS car speaks out.

2. Karen Jones was asked how she feels about her brother driving her car. Need we say more.

Do you know what cars go through everyday? Well this one would like to tell you.

Every morning my owner gets inside of me and throws his books down on my seat and plops down on my seat and slams my door shut. Then he tries to start my engine with a little help by putting the pedal to the medal. Then since he's already late to school he doesn't give me time to warm so he puts my gears into reverse. Five minutes later he rushes me to the school parking lot where I sit and wait til 11:35 to go to lunch.

The worst part of the parking lot is the speed bumps, because you see I sit low to the ground and when I go over a speed bump to fast, sometimes I scrape my front end—that hurts most of all. After he gets me out of the parking lot he has to show off. He treats me mean by spinning my tires on the pavement. I guess he things stop stands for spin tires on pavement. He brings me back from lunch and parks me in the parking lot for one more hour. Then at 1:30 he drives me to work. I stay there until 5:00. I do alot of sitting but the gas tank likes that.

I hate to be dirty. I know my owner gets busy but he could at least rinse me off. When he gets busy he tends to stack up trash and junk. I don't like this. But when he cleans me up he does a good job.

He does take care of me when he's driving me. He controls me by keeping me from getting to close to the other good looking cars on the road. I can trust him to keep me out of trouble.

Being a car isn't all that bad as long as I'm treated fairly well.



4. Wesley Kuehn. 7. Billy Williams and Jack Ward.

3. Shelly Van Winkle. 5. Stephanie Beene and Shelli Smith. Stephanie likes her convertible in the summer but winter time isn't too great! Shelli gets mad when she gets a scratch on her car

especially if it isn't her fault. 6. Sherry Hughes. 8. JoAl Cannon. Other student comments. Melissa Collins treats her truck right because . . . "my parent's won't buy me another one." Jim Bos-

ley lets his parents drive his car because . . . "I have to; our other car got messed up." Mike Smith says "The truck was bad but the ROAD RUNNER is awesome".



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Students speak out.

The cars at MHS played a very active role in the lives of the students. Students used their cars to bring them to school every morning, to go to lunch at the popular eating places, and going home in the afternoon.

Every year in September, some lucky students at MHS anxiously awaited the moment when they could drive up in a new automobile that they re-

ceived during the summer.

With even the finest cars, problems always arouse. Meeting the deadline to pay for it and just washing and waxing it could become a hassle.

Surely, all the students of MHS with cars agreed, that just being able to drive a car to school every morning was a pleasure.

*Seniors select
their favorite things.*

Pizza, Alabama drag Seventeen.

For the second year, Seniors made known their favorite items on a survey administered by the Annual Staff. A special thanks to Mrs. Bogue for her help. December prices were:

Album	\$ 7.98
Candy Bar	.40
Canned Soft Drink.....	.55
Concert Ticket.....	15.00
Dairy Palace Hamburger	1.59
One Scoop Ice Cream	.65
Student Special	2.35
Movie Ticket.....	3.50
School Lunch.....	1.00
Unleaded Gas	1.14
Whole Milk/Gallon.....	1.89



- Pet
1. Dog
 2. Cat
 3. Horse
 4. Monkey





Restaurant, Food, Drink
 1. Red Lobster, Pizza, Dr. Pepper
 2. Pizza Hut, Seafood, Coke
 3. Winkler's, Steak, Big Red
 4. Ruby Lee's, Long John, JT, Hamburgers, Sprite.



Magazine **TIME**

1. Seventeen
2. Ebony
3. Right On
4. Hot Rod

Song **MONEY FOR NOTHING**

1. Hard Habit
2. Push the Button
3. School Girls
4. I Wanna Rock

Musical Group

1. Alabama
2. Van Halen
3. Prince
4. Z Z Top

Sports, Pro Football

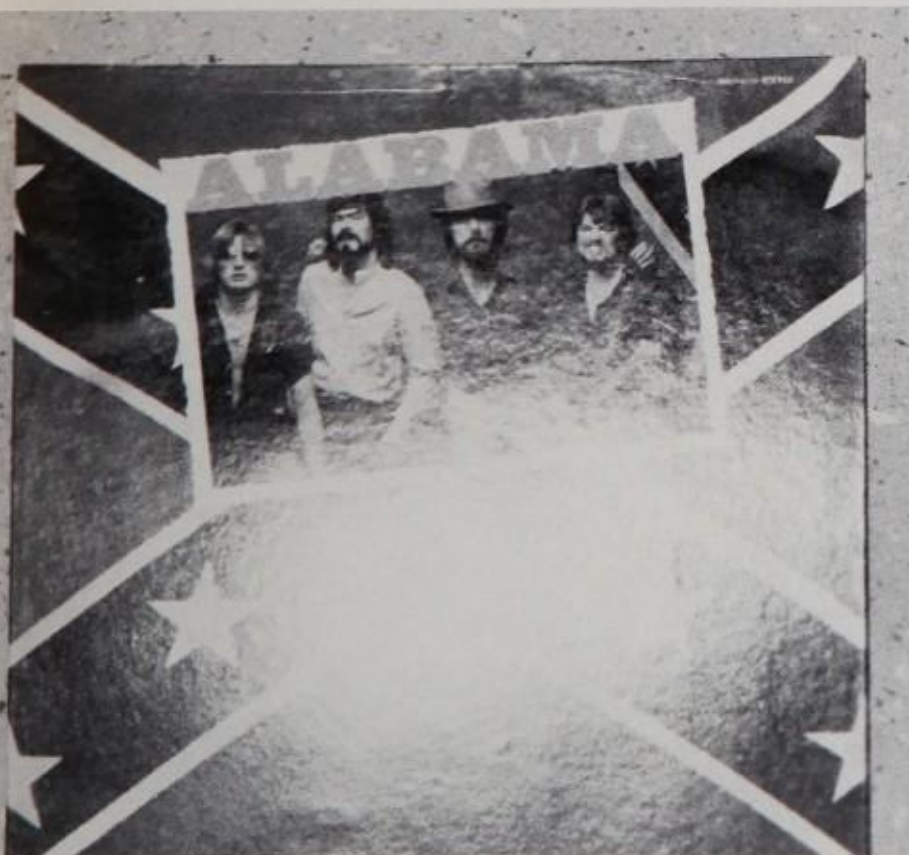
1. Football, Dallas
2. Basketball, Houston
3. Volleyball, Washington
4. Golf, Miami

Cars

1. Corvette
2. Mustang
3. Z28
4. Camaro

Jeans

1. Lee
2. Levi's
3. Wrangler
4. Jordache



Actress

1. Linda Evans—Diane Carroll
2. Heather Thomas
3. Heather Locklear
4. Debbie Allen

Actor

1. Billy Dee Williams
2. Tom Selleck
3. Richard Pryor
4. Prince

Movie

1. Purple Rain
2. Ghost Busters
3. Animal House
4. Gremlins

Nighttime Soap

1. Dynasty
2. Dallas
3. Knots Landing
4. Soap

Daytime Soap

1. All My Children
2. General Hospital
3. Young & Restless
4. Days of Our Lives

Cartoon

1. Smurfs
2. Scooby-Doo
3. Tom & Jerry
4. Bugs Bunny

Brad Bennett on his way to the break dance contest at the Madisonville pep rally.

Clothes add variety.

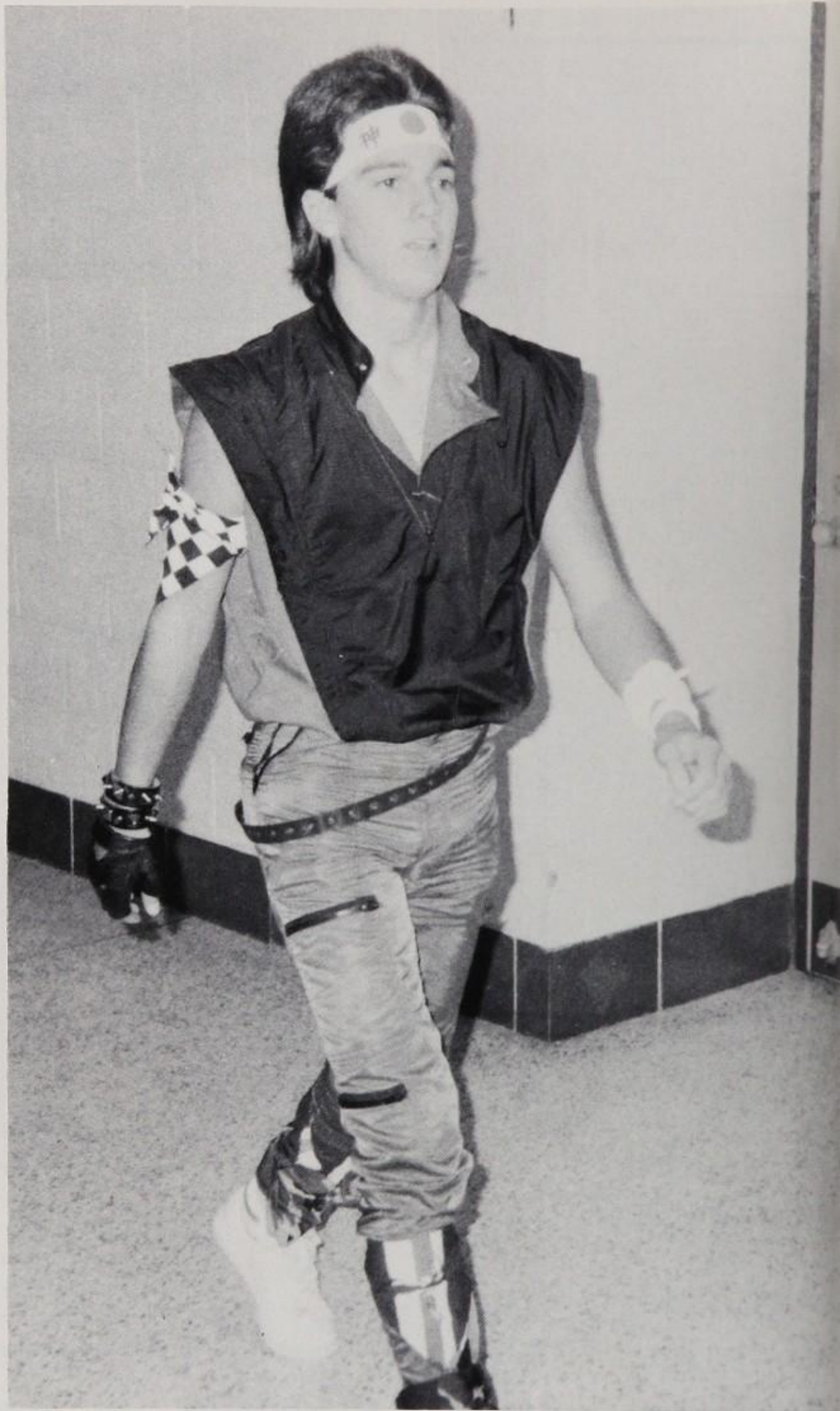
Dress-up days came and went adding variety and excitement to an otherwise year full of new rules and regulations. These days were used to generate more spirit for the football game that followed that Friday night. Many days were the same as many past years with some new ones added.

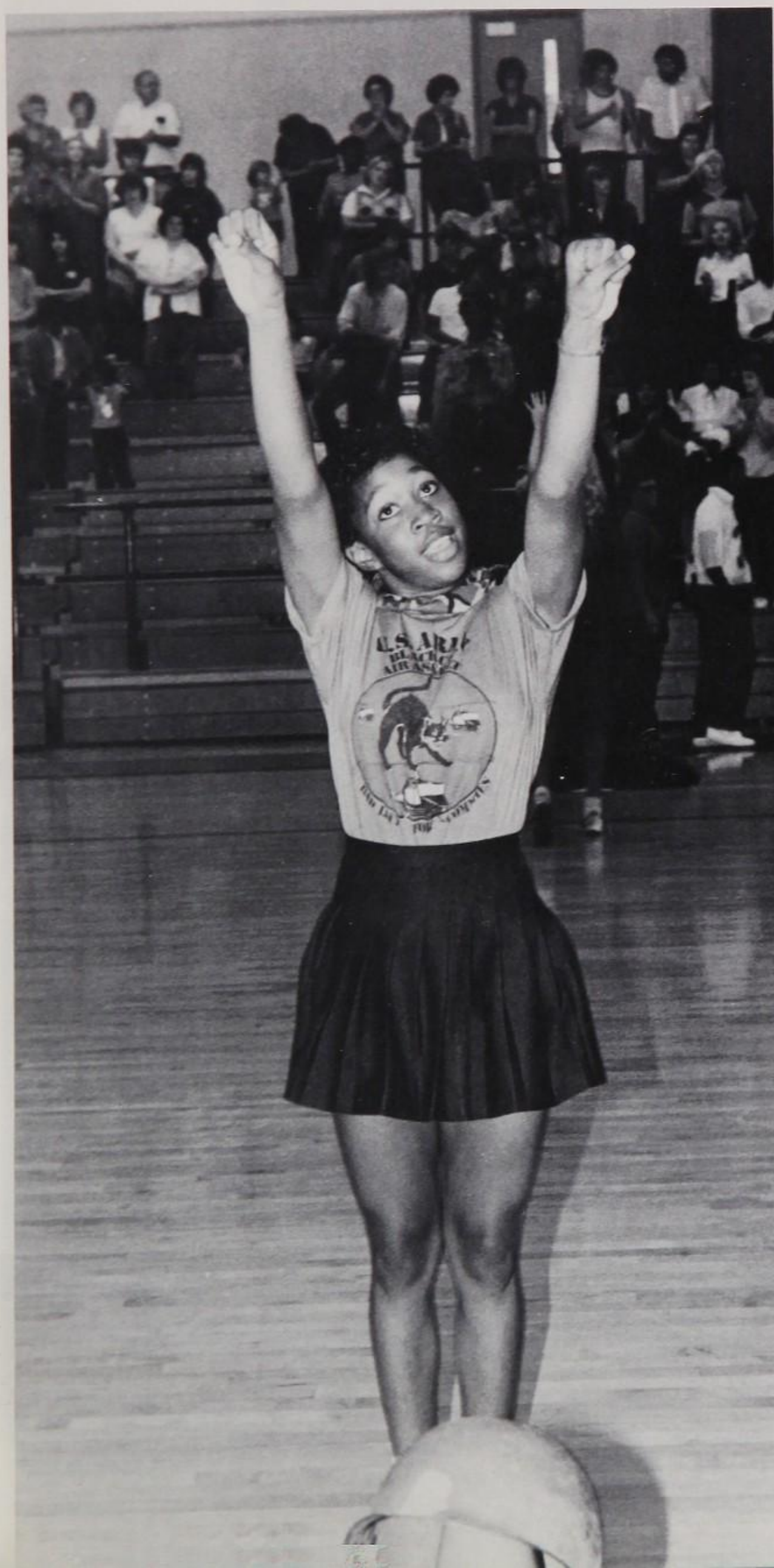
The Beach Dress Day was a first at MHS with flower shirts, leis, sailor hats, OP's, and sunglasses the attire seen in the halls. The only thing missing was the sand. The atmosphere was full of excitement and happy times. The cheerleaders sold leis to add to the color of the day.

Roderick Durham practices before the break dance competition.



Willie Herring Roderick Durham, Greg Lonzie, Brad Bennett, Eddie Vega, Michael Kerzee, Kenneth Quigley in competition for the best break dancer.





The idea being to beach the La Vega Pirates before they even got on the field of play which the Blackcats did 8 to 6.

New state laws don't damper spirit.

Tonja Conner cheering at the Connolly Army Day pep rally.

Emily Bumpas and Kenneth Black in the band hall with Kenneth in break dance clothes.





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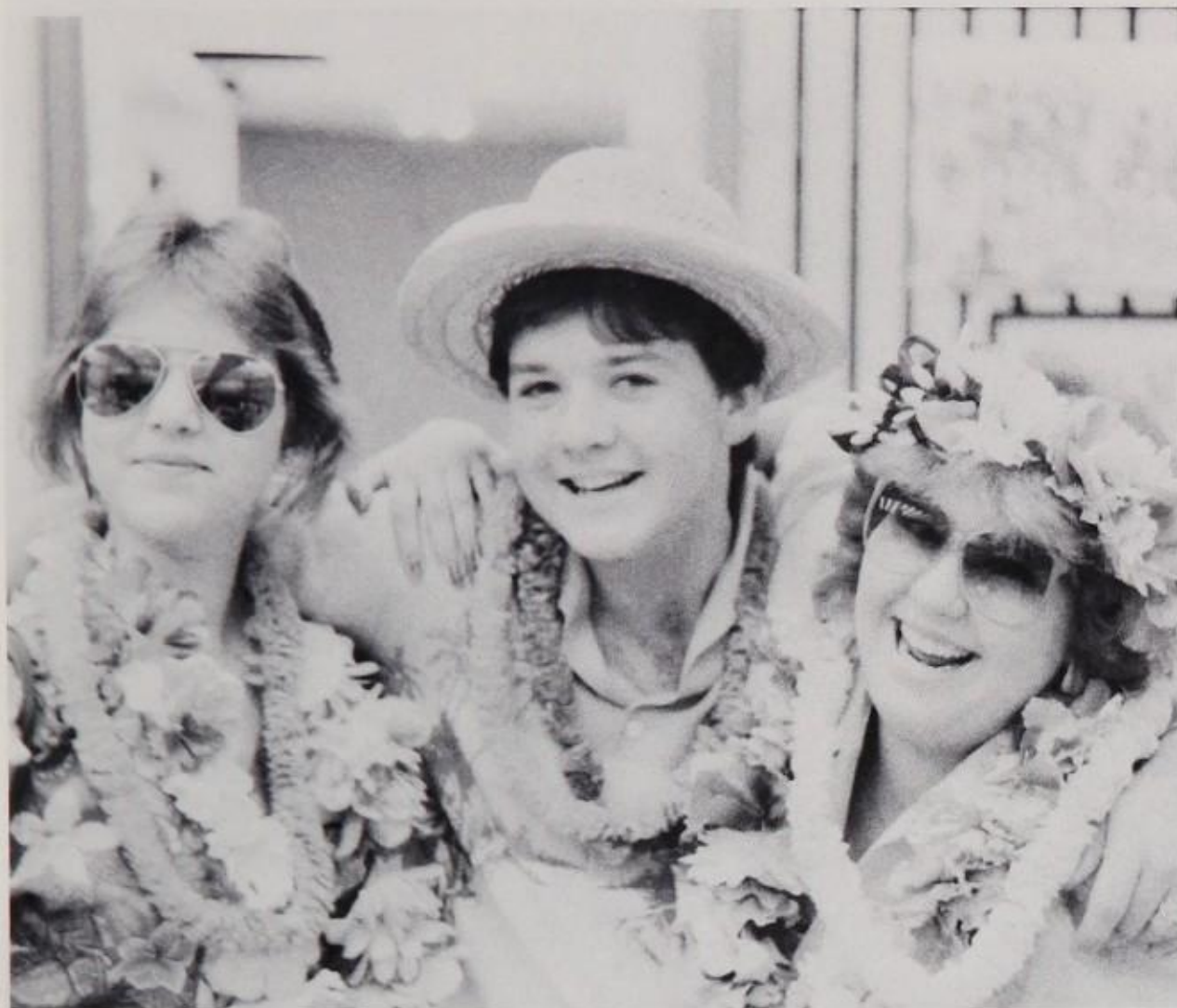
The old standby dress-up day was a big success again this year. When the Blackcats played the Alvarado Indians, it seemed to be reasonable to make that Western Day. Cowboys, cowgirls . . . these were the types of people seen in the halls of MHS. Students put on their cowboy boots, chaps, spurs and hats to arouse spirit for the pep rally. Everybody looked like they were having a cowpokin' good time, even though many were really "drugstore cowboys" and "coca cola cowboys". Half of these people couldn't even walk in their boots and had blisters at the end of the day.



Tamra Nelson and Joanna Hill pay close attention at the pep rally.

Michelda Johnson smiles pretty on Beach Day.

Bobbie Darby, Barry Richardson, and Michelda Johnson get ready to go to the beach.



Some freshmen were dressed up while some were too embarrassed. But they had spirit. At the pep rally, the cheerleaders did a dance with Stephanie Franklin and Barry Richardson while the band played "Mountain Music". This day was one of the best turn-out-wise and dress-up-wise.

A new dress up day was for a new football opponent. We got "preppy" for the Midway Panthers. Students and teachers wore their "izods, polos, parachute pants, and boat shoes".



Seniors Monette Stone, Lisa Clark, Mitzi Fountain, Lori Elick, Wendy Foley, Tamra Nelson, Joanna Hill, and Anna Schuster dressed for "The Canterbury Tales" in English 4.

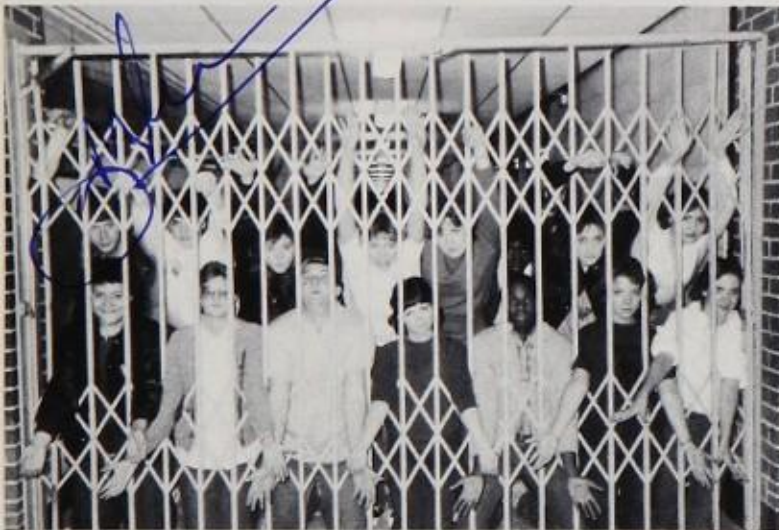


Band members watching the pep rally with Andrea Lain, Shannon O'Brien, and Lisa Moore dressed for Halloween and spooking the Crockett Bulldogs.

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Some students didn't have to change their dressing habits since they dressed "prep" all of the time. Prep day was for sure, totally awesome!!! Everybody was hyper and yelling, as usual. This fever carried on into the night with the Blackcats defeating the Panthers in Waco 26 to 2.

Hillbilly Day was also a new dress-up theme although West had been played for years. The day brought some hesitations from many to follow



OAP students get dramatical in hopes of going to the state contest again this year.

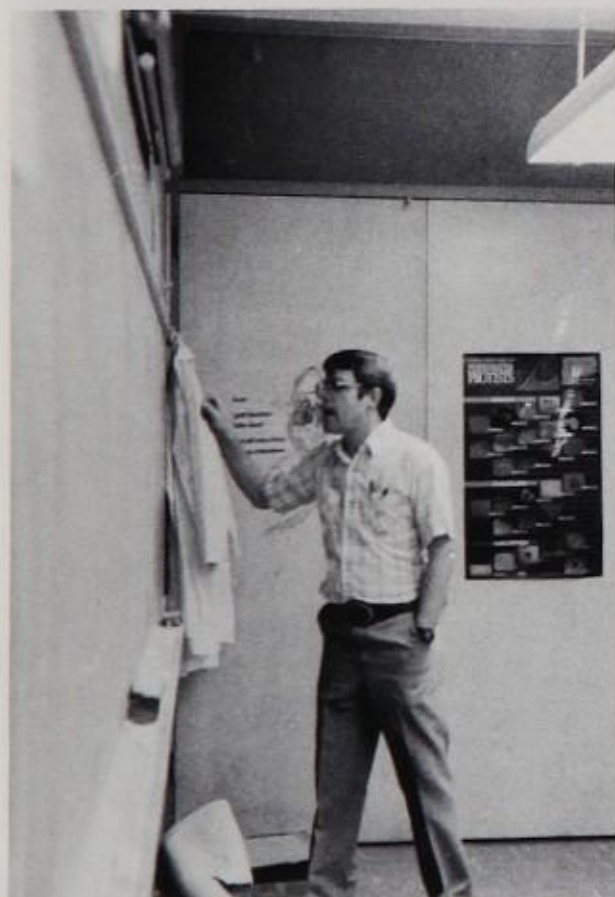
"Come on, you're really not going to paint my face again, are you?" Kelly Bounds





the trend but a few decked out in their old shirts, coveralls, and boots. The twirlers wore their pants rolled up and potato sacks while the cheerleaders main attire consisted of red shirts with white skirts. Both did a dance routine to "The Cotton-eyed Joe". This continued rivalry brought out the fire and fight in the football players but fell slightly short.

"I really feel like a jerk!" Joe Pat Clayton during freshman initiation.



"Will someone please let us out of here?"

Okay class, today's pop quiz is over . . . (Mr. Crier)

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The Army dress-up theme was put forth for our new opponent, the Connolly Cadets. The army clothes were popular in previous years and proved the same in '85. The Cheerleaders wore army green t-shirts and black pleated skirts. And the spirit carried over into the night with the Fightin' Blackcats defeating the Cadets 27 to 6.

Michael Kerzee and David Myers act out their parts in "Canterbury Tales".

The Varsity cheerleaders do a routine on Beach Day.





Lisa Clark and Wendy Foley proudly show off their costumes in "Canterbury Tales".

Tracy Miller, Susan Condon, and Lori Huff show their western style.



Anna Schuster poses for a picture on Western Day.

Roy Matthews, dressed for break dancing, tells Tonja Conner to stop biting her nails?



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The Blackcats squared off against Palestine Westwood for the first time and prepared a panther hunt. The safari dress was unique but few had these type clothes although spirit was still high. Prizes—a free meal at Dairy Palace—were given for finding the panther. Varsity Cheerleaders dressed up in long coats and used magnifying glasses to find pieces of the puzzle. The panthers were found and captured with a victory for the Blackcats.

The new opponent Madisonville Mustangs brought out the break dancers. The halls were filled with students dressed in these theme clothes. The

break dance contest was won by Eddie Vega. Unfortunately the football game was won by Madisonville but only by a slight margin of 7-14. The Mustangs knew the Blackcats were there and were no kittens.

The Halloween spooks came out to play the Crockett Bulldogs. The idea was to scare them off the field which the Blackcats almost achieved. They tied the Bulldogs 7 to 7. Halloween has traditionally brought unique and interesting costumes—1985 was no exception. Shelli Smith was our resident ghost with the cheerleaders as the “Ghost Busters.”

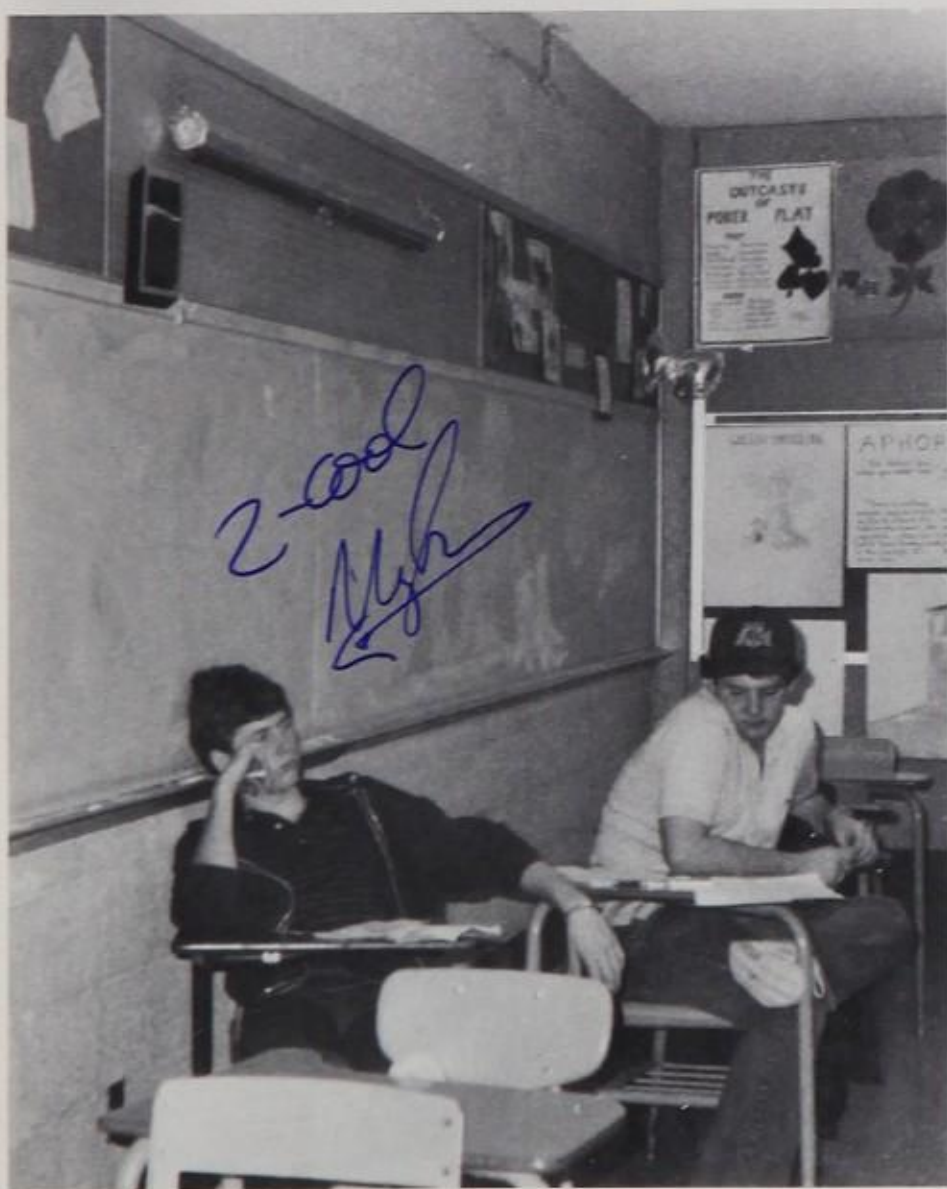
Annual Staff working hard after the photo session for the division pages.





Jim Bosley "dressed to the hilt" for Beach Day.

Mrs. Jones counts her savings for a day on the beach.



Make it burn! Mrs. Cobb's P.E. class doing Jane Fonda Aerobics.

Mike Miller and Barry Richardson are very interested in the OAP activities.



Mrs. Ball and Mrs. McCord are two of the winners in "The Pie in the Face Contest" at the Groesbeck pep rally. "Ain't this fun!!!"

Mr. Crider, another "Pie in the Face" winner says, "Boy am I a messy eater!!!"



Sherry Owens caught by surprise. That's what happens when you get in Mrs. McLain's Art class and a picture is needed for the Annual.



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The traditional goat funeral worked again in 1985 with the Blackcats defeating Groesbeck. Principal Lucas delivered the eulogy over the woodcrate casket flanked by flowered wreaths and the band played "Gonna Get . . .". This game was the biggest rivalry for the Blackcats and a tradition.

Dress-up days ended with the Groes-

beck game with the Homecoming game with Fairfield to follow which added another victory for MHS. With all the activities of Homecoming, dressing to a theme was not included.

We thank the cheerleaders for sponsoring some fun in a year of changes. Everyone needed a boost and these events kept us alive.



Leslie Yeldell watches as Anna Schuster dresses Dawn V'lier and Melissa Matthies for more Freshman Initiation "fun".

Three excited coaches—Caskey, Bowling and Williams.



Rhonda DuShane balancing ice cream at the Dairy Palace.



Sharon Glover makes a milk shake at Dairy Queen II.





Kim Guest offers to help a customer at Perry's.

Roberta Haynes takes an order at Pizza Hut.



Classes help students make career choices.

Working essential to students.

Of the 551 students enrolled in the 9-12th grades at MHS, 315 were in Vocational Classes. These classes were such a vital portion of the environment at MHS, the Annual Staff decided to include it in the annual and the student life segment.

Pictured on the next two pages are just a few of our working students. Pictures courtesy of Carolyn Forsythe.

Butane Gas Co. relies on Scott Welch.

Working continued

Tracy Lummus arranges flowers at Peg and Dasa Florist.

One of Ann Wilson's duties at Edward D. Jones Company is to report to the radio the daily stock closings.





Cate Appliance is the scene of Robin Emmert's Vocational Office Education Training Station.

Shara Taylor ends the working day at Gene's Pharmacy.



Willie Cooper checks the stock at Wal-Mart.

Student Council stands by for final instructions on carnation sales. Mitzi Fountain, Valerie Taylor, Carolyn Chambers, Tera Reed, Sunday Crider, Wendi Hamilton, Randal Levingston, Mrs. Hughes.



Cupid visits Mexia High.

Valentine's Day was filled with lots of caring and affection toward others. As tradition would have it, the Student Council handled the carnation sales.

Tamra Nelson, SC Treasurer, was responsible for gathering the bids and making decisions concerning the carnations. The carnations were ordered from Magness Florist. Approximately, three thousand carnations were ordered. SC members made orders for the carnations as best they could with the tighter regulations on classroom interruptions. The carnations cost one dollar each.

When the carnations arrived, several things had to be done for

This is only a very small example of the many carnations delivered to students on Valentine's Day.



Karen Jones, Wendi Foley, Mitzi Fountain check out the flowers in the Ag shop—the "nerve center" of the whole operation.

Rhonda McDade and Karen Jones prepare to get rid of the carnations in the Band Hall.



You mean I didn't get anymore flowers? Tera Reed.



Valentine's



Tamra Nelson discusses with Bart Lowry the delivery route he must make.



Anna Schuster says: "This is nothing compared to the beautiful roses I'll be getting from John."

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Valentine's Day to run smoothly. The carnations had to be tagged and divided into classes.

On Valentine's Day, members of the council delivered the carnations to the students during the beginning of the first and fourth period classes.

The Student Council worked very hard on this special yearly event.

Everyone at MHS enjoyed and appreciated these efforts.



Karen Jones hands Chris Curry a carnation on Valentine's Day while Bobby Sterling and Keith Webb look on.

President Mitzi Fountain hand delivers the carnations in the Band Hall.



Mitzi Fountain holds Stephanie Beene for a pose trying to calm her down during the hectic Valentine's morning before school.

Treasurer Tamra Nelson counts the money for the carnation sales.



Lori Elick hands out carnations while Sue Lil Trantham and Evonne Greer look on.

Mitzi Fountain and Wendy Foley on the way to deliver the carnations flanked by Stephanie Beene and photographer Kathy Hitt.

One of the two major projects of the Senior Civics classes consists of mock trials and an assembly of American heritage in song. This year was no exception. The Annual Staff wanted to include the thoughts of the seniors on these trials on these two pages.

We first asked them about their parts and how they prepared.

Wesley Kuehn: "We thought up questions to ask and the answers we thought we would be asked."

Mitzi Fountain: "All worked together reviewing the case, writing questions for our side and the plaintiff side and practicing how we'd do it the next day. We stayed up late hours—11:30—working on it."

Joanna Hill: "... long tedious, late hours."

Tamra Nelson: "... My side worked very hard for two nights preparing questions and deciding the points we should bring out. Some of the group even spent the night at my house so we could work."

Some interesting comments came in



1. Randal Levingston as the bailiff.



2. Prosecuting attorney Ronnie Tyree.

5. Prosecuting attorney Michael Kerzee.



"We got rooked."

Civics classes hold mock trials.

regard to unusual happenings in the case.

Wesley: "A few people got hostile and we lost, but it was fun."

Mitzi: "Yes. We got rooked because our case was so detailed the jury got confused and voted for the plaintiff side."

Joanna: "The other side made up

things that weren't even in the case and tricked the jury to voting their side."

Wendy Foley: "There was a lot of yelling between the lawyers. It was really wild. I think our side should have won but we didn't. The jury was unfair."

Jacqueline Chatham: "The exciting

part was when the lawyers (myself, Tamra, Joanna, and Ronnie) got into a serious knock-down drag-out 'discussion'."

You did it again, Mrs. Bogue—a learning process in a fun, exciting situation. The students learned and we're sure it wasn't quiet.



3. Kathy Hitt, Wendi Foley, Monette Stone, and Ricky McMahon talking about their case.

6. Joanna Hill, Tamra Nelson, and Kathy Hitt.

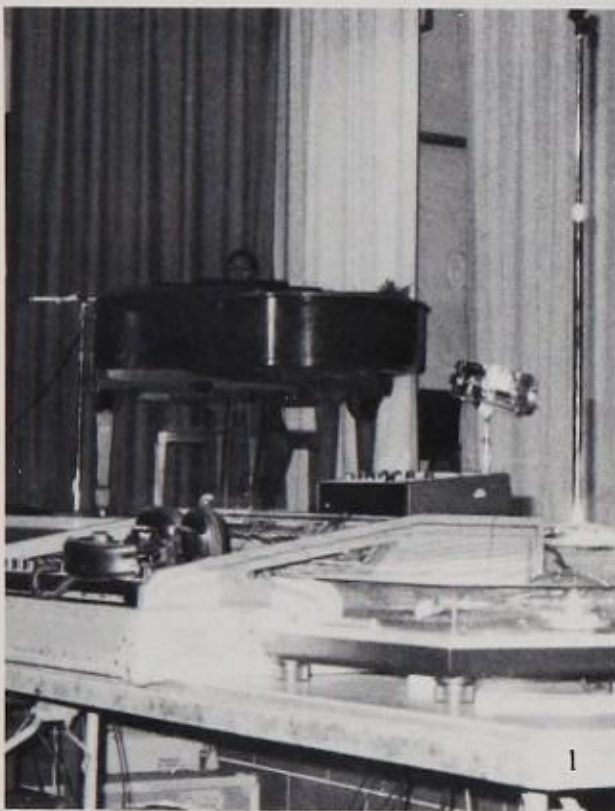
4. Prosecuting attorney Chip Winfrey, Judge Vince Palasota, and Witness Delonia Williams.

7. Tamra, Mrs. Bogue, Wesley Kuehn, and Mitzi Fountain.

“The answer my friend is blowin’ in the wind.”

Senior class of 1985
presents the American
heritage in song.

1. Soloist Theron Thomas.
2. Jesse Butler and Michael Perry dance and sing
“Joshua Fit the Battle.”



The tenth annual civics assembly was held with a cloud of doubt about its existence for the Class of '85. Mrs. Bogue's four Civics classes outdid themselves in this supposed final year due to House Bill 72. This American heritage in song was opened by Student Council officer Shelli Smith. Incidentally, this performance was the second assembly of the year and on **May 9th**.

The first class brought the house down with Jesse Butler and Michael Perry's duo performance in "Joshua Fit the Battle." The highlights of the second class were the dancing of Leonard Jones in "Old Cotton Fields" and the action dance in "Pick A Bale of Cotton." The third group's rendition of "O Susannah" and "Blue Tail Fly" was animated by Eddie Vega, Greg Lonzie, and Alfred Moore to the delight



7. Joe Lucas, Chip Winfrey, Jay Moore, Willie Cooper, and David Myers in "John Henry."



3. Mitzi Fountain presents Mrs. Bogue with an appreciation wreath.
4. Alfred Moore, Eddie Vega, and Greg Lonzie animate "O Susannah".
5. "Jump down turn around, pick a bale of cotton."
6. "John Henry" and son. Delonia Williams and Willie Cooper.



of the audience.

The last class opened with a serious note in the Bob Dylan song "Blowin' in the Wind" and concluded with the antics of "Wabash Cannonball". Randy Matthews added some adlibs to thrill the audience and start our day off in a good humor.

The top solo of the show was a medley of songs by the multi-talented Theron Thomas who accompanied himself on the piano. Theron received a standing ovation by the senior class.

The finale of the morning was the singing of Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" by the entire class. Then the class presented Mrs. Bogue a wreath in appreciation of another wonderful year. We also salute this fine lady.



8. "The Wabash Cannonball" with the caboose of "sock-footed" Randy Matthews.

UIL Literary Team captures District.



UIL Literary Team for 84-85 are pictured above. Rhonda Teel—OAP, Standard Debate; Karen Jones—Standard Debate; Wendy Foley—Spelling; Stephanie Boyd—Journalism; Lori Elick—Ready Writing; Curtis Smith—Persuasive Speaking, Poetry Interpretation, OAP; Darrell Jones. Middle: Barry Richardson—OAP; JoAl Cannon—Poetry Interpretation, OAP; Anna

Schuster—Prose Interpretation, Persuasive Speaking, OAP; Joanna Hill—Prose Interpretation, OAP; Jeff Wright—Number Sense, Science; Jackie Chatham—Spelling; Mitzi Fountain—OAP; Brad Burks—Science, Calculator Applications. Back: Mike Miller—Lincoln-Douglas Debate, OAP; Donnette Loden—Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Number Sense, Calculator Ap-

plications; Jerry Current—Standard Debate; Cynthia Sewell—OAP; Rhonda McDade—Standard Debate; Monette Stone—OAP; Shanna Wilkins—Shorthand; Angie Martin—Number Sense, Science; Mary Teel—Ready Writing; Kerri Funderburk—Typing, OAP; Joyce Froge—Typing; Wesley Allen—Typing.

Two members of the cast "Medea" Mike Miller and Anna Schuster, act out a very tragic scene in the play.



The UIL Literary Team competed with five other schools for District. Mexia captured the district title with the most points. Unfortunately the OAP did not place this year. Mexia's entry for the play competition was "Medea".

Winners in the district competition were as follows: Kerri Funderburk, Brad Burks, Joyce Forge, Theron Thomas, Sherrie Gilroy, Shanna Wilkins, Mary Alice Danner, Rhonda Teel, Jerry Current, Karen Jones, Rhonda

McDade, Donnette Loden, Theron Thomas, Angie Martin, Anna Schuster, JoAl Cannon, Curtis Smith, Joanna Hill, Stephanie Boyd, and Mary Teel.

The Annual Staff asked some of the UIL Literary Team members about their events.

Jason, portrayed by Mike Miller, gets very upset at Medea, Anna Schuster. Other members of the cast pictured are Monette Stone, JoAl Cannon, Cheryl McNeel, and Joanna Hill.



Mike Miller and Anna Schuster act out a reconciliation scene in the play.

Medea's nurse, Mitzi Fountain, pleads with Kerri Funderburk, Tutor. Also pictured is Monette Stone, member of the Chorus.



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A. JoAl Cannon: "Eye contact is very important because in interpretation the judge must see that the reader 'feels' the poem or poems, and eyes show a lot of emotion. Eye contact also shows the judge that the reader is familiar and comfortable with the material he/she is reading."

Sherrie Gilroy made the following comment about shorthand. Q. Does shorthand come naturally or do you have to practice at it? A. Sherrie: "I have to practice, but I don't think shorthand comes naturally to anybody. It's a hard thing to do and you have to work at it and think how to write it before you write it."

Stephanie Boyd made the following comment about one of her journalism events.

Members of the chorus are Cheryl McNeel, Monette Stone, JoAl Cannon, Joanna Hill, and Rhonda Teel.

Q. Which event was easiest for you? Why?

A. Stephanie: "Editorial writing. I guess it was the easiest because I've always been told that I'm good at telling people what I think about something."

Barry Richardson, who portrayed **Aegus, King of Athens** comforts Medea in the play.



Anna Schuster, Medea, acts out a portion of the play.



Annual Staff also asked members of the OAP about their performances. Q. How do you prepare mentally to go on stage? A. Monette Stone: "Before putting on a play it helps to have some quiet time. I find a spot on stage all to myself, relax, and just forget about who I am in reality, but concentrate on who I am about to become, and what is about to happen."

Anna Schuster described the character of Medea. "Medea was a woman of great strength. She had great love for her husband, and when he deserted her, she became hysterical. Then when the King banished her from Corinth, she lost her self-control, in that she wanted revenge. In her strong determination, she destroyed the things she loved. She hurt the man she loved

more than life—Jason. Medea was very deep, and I did a lot of background study so that I could develop her more clearly. She was a woman of many moods."

According to the results of the competition, the students really seemed to enjoy their events and did a terrific job.

Curtis Smith, **Messenger**, acts out a tragic scene with members of the chorus, Monette Stone, Cheryl McNeel, JoAl Cannon, and Joanna Hill.

Members of the chorus Monette Stone, and Rhonda Teel comfort Medea.



U.I.L. participants who advanced to regional area are: Front: JoAl Cannon, Rhonda Teel, Brad Burks, Karen Jones, and Stephanie Boyd.

Back: Theron Thomas, Shanna Wilkins, Anna Schuster, Angie Martin, Joanna Hill, Jerry Current, Mary Alice Danner, Mary Teel, Sherrie Gil-

roy, Donnette Loden, Curtis Smith, and Joyce Forge. Not pictured is Kerri Funderburk.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder?

There were many couples at Mexia High. But unfortunately many were not together during school. Often one partner was from another school or had already graduated. How did these couples make it work? Some didn't, while the separation helped others. Of course, one does get lonely when the boyfriend/girlfriend is not around! Absence makes the heart grow fonder.

When did these couples get to see each other? Usually on the weekends, but there were a few who saw each other every night. Sometimes homework did get in the way. But most didn't let it!!

How did these couples meet? There were millions of ways. The most common ways were at dances and through friends.

Below captured in print were feelings of some of the long distance couples.

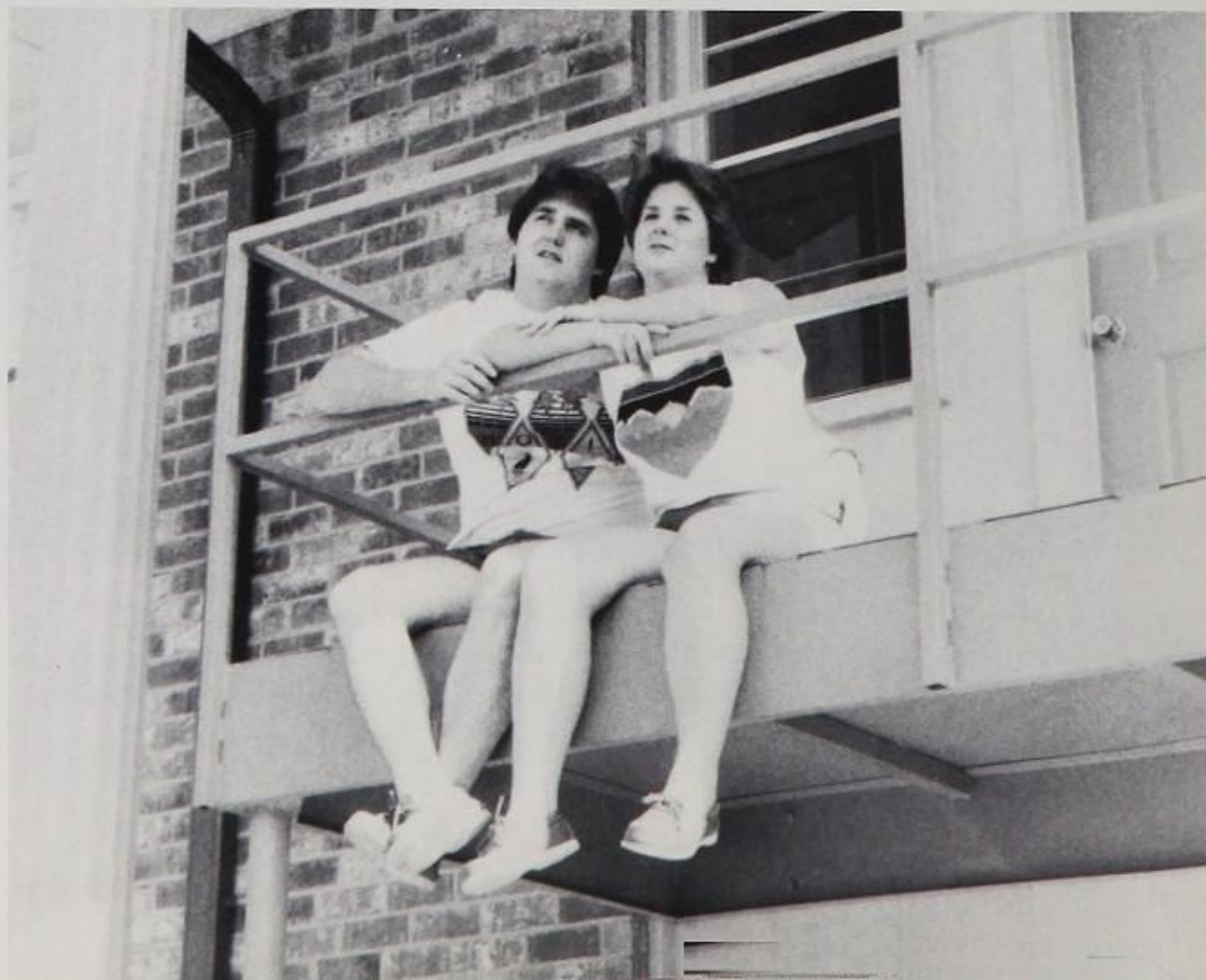
Q. Does the separation help your relationship?

A. Donnette Loden: "It gives us (Keith East) a chance to be away from each other a little while so that when we do get together we appreciate each other more."

A. Tandra Kennedy: "I think so. It seems that the couples who are together all the time (especially in school) break up faster than others. If we were together at school we'd probably get on each others nerves and fight. Plus, it makes us appreciate the time we are together!"



Davy Winkler and Ginger Simmons Winkler.
"Davy and I usually go to Waco on weekends.
Sometimes we walk up and down the mall, go
out to eat, or see the newest movie."



Courtney Jennings and Joe Lucas dancing at the MHS Prom.



Rachel Bluitt and Darwin Eldridge. "Darwin and I have been going together for four years starting December 25, 1981. We started going together when I was in the seventh grade; broke up in the 8th; and reconciled in the 9th. For fun we go to the park in Waco and then out to eat at Red Lobster—almost every Sunday."

A. Barbara Sterling: "Yes, I think it does. Because I don't care how much two people love each other, they're going to get bored being around each other constantly."

A. Mary Danner: "No, it's more difficult to find time and transportation to drive the distance."

Q. Does schoolwork ever impose on the time you spend together?

A. Anna Schuster: "John is in college, so schoolwork is really not that big of a problem, because we only see each other on weekends."

A. Ann Wilson: "Whenever I have homework Robert (Farnes) will sit by me and help me when I get confused. When Robert is going to TSTI, we spend most of our evenings studying."

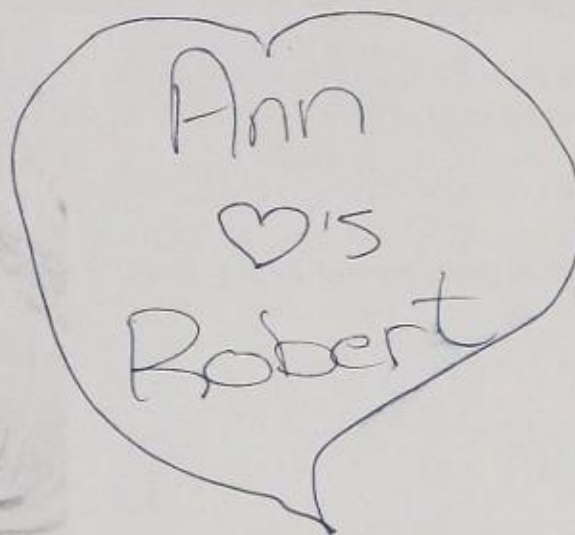
A. Ginger Simmons Winkler: "Schoolwork very seldom imposes on our time together. But, when (if) I'm having a problem in a class, Davy's always more than willing to help me solve it, whether it's science or civics."

So it seems the students/non-students have few problems with their social life or school life. And absence does make the heart grow fonder.



Kathy Hitt and Jimmy Rogers.

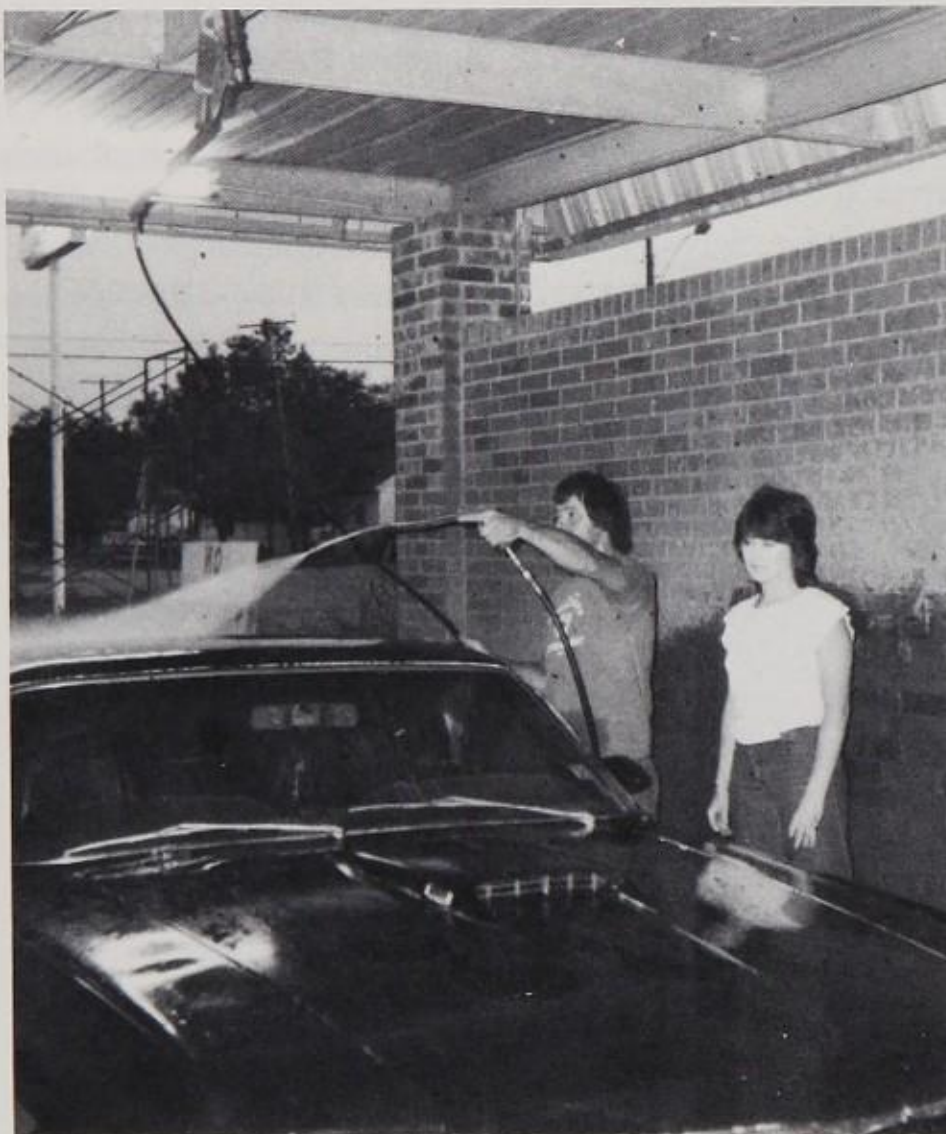
"While I go off to school in the fall of '85, Jimmy will work and save money. Then in about two to two and one half years, we will get married. He feels my education is most important right now and he knows how disappointed I would be if I didn't get it."



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Tambra Kennedy and Bubba Paul.

"All the calls I make are to Wortham. There's never many calls, though. Bubba usually calls me and his phone bill is outrageous. It doesn't seem like it should cost much to call Mexia from Wortham, but it sure does add up."



Jonnie Masters and Rhonda Smith captured on a typical outing. A lot of their time is also spent at Jonnie's baseball games traveling from one town to another.

John Gaudin and Anna Schuster.

"We have been going together for over two and one half years. October 2, 1982 that's the day."



Mary
-N-
Tommy



People



The crop & the cream of the crop.

Seventeen leave with honors.

May 24, 1985 was graduation day for ninety-six seniors. This year's list of honor graduates totaled seventeen—ten girls and seven boys. Annual Staff asked these specially talented students their thoughts about the honor they have achieved. Here are how a few responded.

Q. Do you consider being an honor graduate a great achievement? Why?

A. Anna Schuster: "Yes, this is a great honor to be named an honor graduate because it makes all the hard work and time worth it."

A. Mitzi Fountain: "Yes! It is a great achievement because I feel I worked hard for four years to be an honor graduate. I feel very satisfied with this because all that hard work and studying I did is worth it."

A. Joanna Hill: "Yes, very much, because it is like being awarded for all the hard work I've accomplished something."

A. Jackie Chatham: "To a certain degree."

A. Randal Livingston: "Yes, I consider being an honor graduate a great

achievement. I didn't make very good grades in junior high and to be an honor graduate is certainly an honor to me."

A. Jerry Current: "Yes, because it gives me something to tell my children, so maybe they will make good grades in school."

A. JoAl Cannon: "Yes, I consider being an honor grad a great achievement because it means that I have been able to maintain an 'A' average throughout my four years in high school."

A. David Myers: "No . . ."

A. Theron Thomas: "At MHS, not hardly; at Harvard, maybe; at UTA definitely."

Q. Did your studies interfere with your social life?

A. Mitzi: "Yes, you've got to schedule your time well or homework won't get done. But if you keep up with your studies, you have time to do lots of extra things."



HONORS GRADUATES: Joe Lucas, Jay Moore, Jerry Current, Monette Stone, Randal Levingston, Joanna Hill, Tamra Nelson, Anna Schuster, Lori Elick, Jenny Allen, David Myers, Mitzi Fountain, JoAl Cannon, Jackie Chatham, Wendy Foley, Vince Palasota, Theron Thomas.



A. Theron: "Bah!"

Q. Did you have to work hard to get this high scholastic average or did this come naturally?

A. Randal: "I had to work very hard to achieve good grades, I usually spend up to four or five hours a night on homework. One of my goals was to be an honor graduate . . ."

Congratulations to all 1985 seniors—strive for the best throughout the next slices of your life.



Valedictorian—Anna Schuster

"I have had to work to make my grades during all four years of high school. It didn't come naturally. It feels great to be valedictorian. This is a wonderful honor!"



Salutatorian—Lori Elick

"Most of my good grades came naturally. I hope that it continues to come easily through college. . . I feel that I did my best through high school and I am proud of my class rank."

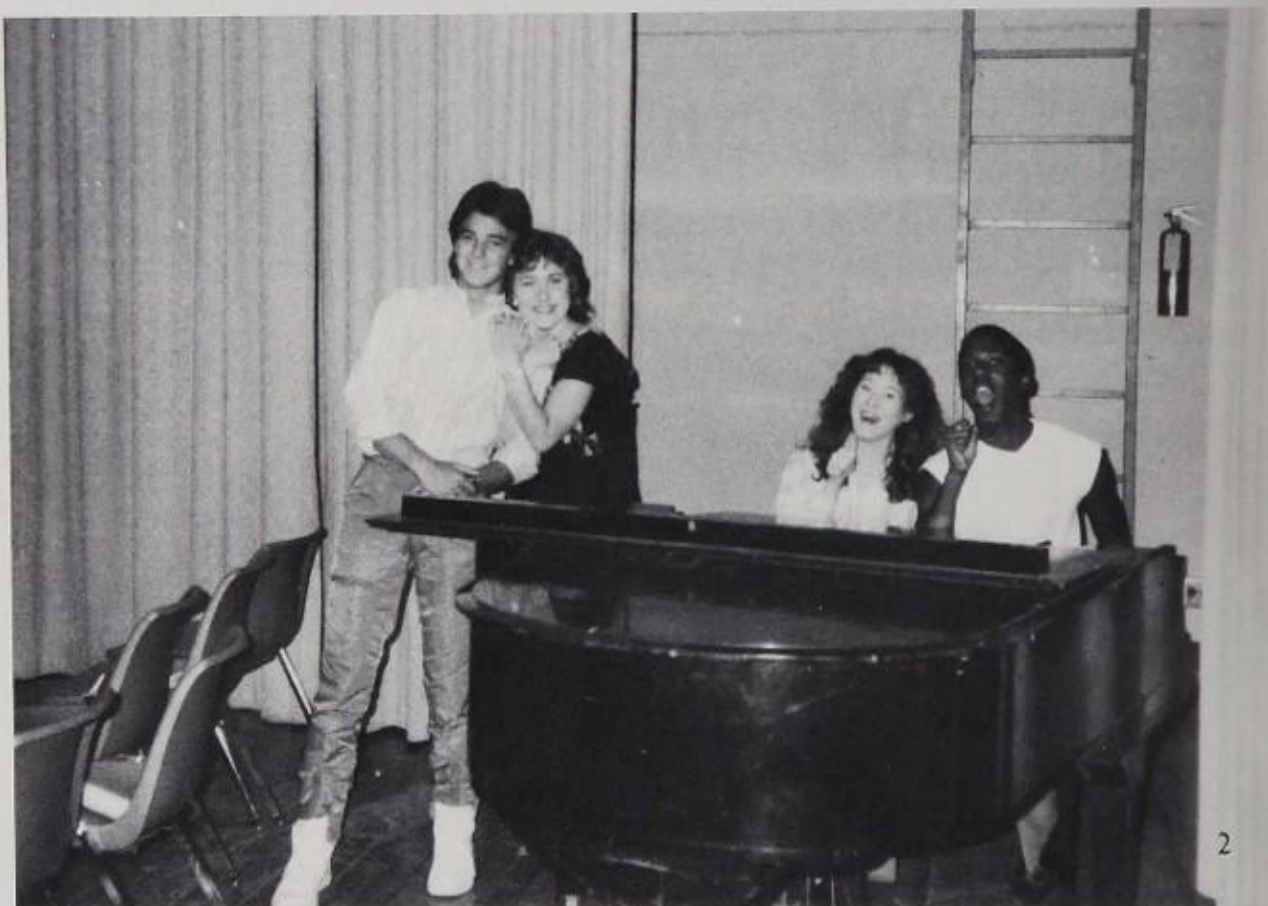
Senior personalities chosen by senior class.

Titles claimed only by those on eligibility list.

Senior personalities—some serious, some whimsical—were again chosen by the class of 1985. For the second year, they were selected by the entire class instead of the Annual Staff. Thanks to Mrs. Bogue for distributing them through her Civics classes.

Unfortunately, some of the first winners could not claim their “titles” due to their ineligibility. So if you thought someone else should have won, that’s the reason. Take for example, the person “most likely to get caught” probably already did get caught and so was ineligible.

So of the eligible seniors, your winners are shown on these two pages.





1. Most Friendly:

Jerry Current and Monette Stone

Best Reputation:

Joe Lucas and Tamra Nelson

Best Dressed:

Alfred Moore and Mitzi Fountain

2. Most Talented:

Theron Thomas and JoAl Cannon

Biggest Flirt:

Brad Benett and Joanna Hill

3. Craziest:

Lloyd Gillespie and Jackie Chatham

Best Arguer:

Kenneth Quigley and Jackie Chatham

4. Most Likely to Succeed:

Vince Palasota and Lori Elick

Best Looking:

Vince Palasota and Tamra Nelson

Most Intelligent:

Vince Palasota and Lori Elick

Most Conceited:

Vince Palasota and Anna Schuster

5. Most Likely to Get Caught:

Mike Smith and Susan Condon

Most Likely Not to Get Caught:

Joe Lucas and Kathy Hitt

6. Most Athletic:

Kenneth Quigley and Jenny Allen

Quietest:

Randal Levingston and Jody Allen



We are the world.

What would high school be without Seniors? Without Seniors there would be no future for the world because the young people are the future.

Being a Senior was very exciting and busy, especially during May. During this time of excitement graduation invitations were addressed and mailed, parties were planned for every night of the week, memories were remembered of fun times had with friends, and for some the suspense of whether they would graduate or not and for others the curiosity of what rank they would be.

Seniors got so busy doing other things, schoolwork was the last thing they wanted to have to think about. Since this year was an especially hard year, some of the teachers even cut

some slack.

A new state law was added to our rules last year saying EVERYONE must take all exams. Annual Staff asked Seniors what they thought about having to take the exams. Here are some responses:

Q. What do you think about the new state law making us take all exams?

A. Tamra Nelson: "I think if I were a Freshman this year and I had to take May exams, I would not mind it, even if I were a Sophomore or a Junior, but telling a Senior that he has to take his exams for the first time and he had to come the day of graduation and pass is not fair. I think all Seniors should be exempt from finals the last semester."

During the last month of school Seniors think a lot about their past years in

high school and everything they will miss. Seniors were asked this question also.

Q. What will you miss about MHS?

A. Monette Stone: "I will miss the lasting friendships and relationships of not only friends but faculty. I will miss the spirit of MHS and the many traditions."

A. Margaret Giddings: "My friends and homework. The things I achieved at school, I will never be obligated to achieve at home."

Q. Which year in high school was hardest for you?

A. Theron Thomas: "My Sophomore year. Not only did I get OCS, but I was involved in so many UIL activities, Band, and Athletic events, they always



Senior Officers:
Treasurer Joe Lucas, President Vince
Palasota, Vice President JoAl Cannon,
Secretary Valerie Taylor, Reporter Randal
Levingston.

Officers



conflicted with each other. I started to pitch tent in the parking lot, because I would get home so late. Then I would lose a lot of sleep, because I had homework and schoolwork to do. I had no social life that year."

A. JoAl Cannon: "Both my Freshman and Senior years were hardest for me. My Freshman year because I was having to adjust and come into high school, and now my Senior year because I'm going to have to leave."

Vince Palasota, JoAl Cannon, and Mitzi Fountain.

Mr. and Misses MHS

Jenny Allen FHA—1; Spanish Club—1; Basketball—3; Track—4; Society of Distinguished American High School Students—3; Who's Who Among American High School Students—1; National Honor Society—1; Academic Sweater—2; Senior Girls Club; Most Athletic; Honor Graduate.

Jody Marie Allen FHA—4; The Society of Distinguished American High School Students—3; Senior Girls Club; Quietest.

Glenda Ann Anderson AC—2; FHA—1.

Kathy Anderson FHA—2; Drama—1; ICT—1; Senior Girls Club.

Mary Jane Anderson VAC—3; HECE—1; FHA—2.

Sandra Anderson FHA—3; HECE Coop—2; VOE—2; Inquiry Club—1; Senior Girls Club; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Teachers Aid—1; Elementary Aid—1; Volleyball; VOE area meeting.

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Rachel Bell CVAE—2, CVAE VP—1, CVAE Parl—1; Basketball—2, Varsity Track—2; HECE Coop—2, HECE VP—2; FHA—4; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Senior Girls Club; Delegate of the State Convention.

John Bradley Bennett Golf—3; Football—1; Debate Team—1; Spanish Club—2, Rep—1; Historian—1; Leo Club—3, Treas—1; Journalism—2, Copy Editor—1, Photo—1; Who's Who Among American High School Students—2.



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Seniors think about their future plans during their last year of school and so Annual Staff asked a couple of them their plans.

Q. What are your future plans after you graduate?

A. Wendy Foley: "After I graduate, I plan to attend Baylor University and major in Elementary Education."

A. Valerie Taylor: "After graduation, I'm moving to Dallas to attend Brookhaven Jr. College, then I think I want to move to Los Angeles and attend Los



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Rachel Bluit FHA—4; VP—1; Pres—2; Drama Club—1; Cheerleader—1; Creative Writing Club—1; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Leo Club—1; Senior Girls Club; Delegate to the state meeting—2; HECE, Co-op—2; Homecoming Princess, Teachers aid—1; Library aid—1; Summer Homemaking—2.

Carmen G. Boyd Academic Sweater—3; MDE—2; Freshmen Vice Pres.; FHA.

Stephanie Diane Boyd Band—4; Leading Lt—1; OEA—1; Drama Club—1; Up Blackcat Alley Staff—2; UBA Editor-In-Chief—1; FHA—1; Who's Who Among American High School Students; UIL District Journalism, Editorial Writing 3rd, Headline Writing 4th, Feature Writing 4th.



Goldie Ann Brooks

Leslie Brooks Football—1; Baseball—3; VAC—3; AG—1.

Tracy Ann Burks FHA—4; ICT—1; Senior Girls Club.



Lolita Busby CVAE—2; HE Topic; HECE—1; Choir—2.

JoAl Cannon Freshman Class Pres; JV Cheerleader; Student Council Chairman; Soph Class VP, Soph Class Duchess; Junior Class Favorite; Junior Class Homecoming Duchess; HOT Fair Smile Girl 1983; Senior Class VP, Senior Princess, 1984-1985 Homecoming Queen, Miss MHS; Lions Club Sweetheart for October; Academic Sweater winner—3; Drama Club—4; Treas—1; FCA—4, Sec—1; Varsity Cheerleader—3, Head—1; Student Council—4; UIL Poetry—2, Regional—1; Who's Who Among American High School Students—3; Varsity Tennis Team—3; Band—4, Hist—1, Band Sweetheart 1984-1985; Most Talented; Honor Graduate.

Sandy Carter FHA—4; 4-H—7; Athletics Manager—2; Basketball and Track; CVAE—2.

Angeles Baptist College."

A. Mitzi Fountain: "I plan to take a summer English Course and work. Then in the fall, I plan to go to Baylor and major in Accounting. Then get my BBA and take my CPA test."

A. Theron Thomas: "After graduation, I plan to become an exchange student in a foreign country. Then I will attend the Longhorn Capitol of the US (UTA), and major in International Relations. After eight more years of school, I hope

to get my degree as a medical doctor and surgeon. I hope to open up a Children's Hospital and Free Health Clinic."

Senior Anna Schuster sums up the Class of 1985's senior year:

"This year has really been hard because of all the new rules. Hard on everybody, not just the kids. We're trying to understand, but sometimes all I can see are the things being taken away.

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Debra Carter Beasley—FHA, Historian—4; DECA—1; Choir—1; Volleyball—2; Track—1; Basketball—1.

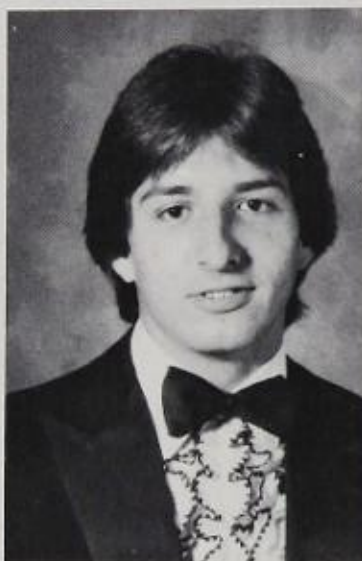
Jacqueline Chatham—Student Council—3; Drama Club—2; Inquiry Club—1; FHA—2, Pres—1, Treas—1; ICT—1, Ways and Means Committee; VOE—1; Academic Sweater—3; Letter Jacket—2; NAACP Outstanding Student—1; Who's Who Among American High School Students—2; Typing—Regional; Shorthand—State; Spelling Contest. Group Improvisation; Texas Achievement Association Award. Lion's Club Sweetheart—April; BTU—Pres; Spanish Club—1; NAACP Treas; 800—Regionals. Senior Girls Club; UIL—Spelling, Craziest, Best Arguer; Honor Graduate.

Lisa Jean Clark—FHA—4, Pres—1, Hist—1, State Meeting—3; HECE—1.

Susan Michelle Condon—FHA—1; VOE—3, Pres—1, Sgt. at Arms—1; Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Jerry Wayne Current Jr.—Debate—3, regional—2, Pres—2; FCA—3; Football—3; Track—3; Jr. Rotarian—Nov.; Student Council—2, Hist.—1; Member of Who's Who Among American High School Students—2; Member of Society of Distinguished American High School Students; Honor Graduate.

Thelma Lou Curry—JV Volleyball; JV Basketball; Varsity Basketball; Freshman Class Favorite; Freshman Class Treas; Sophomore Class Favorite; FHA—2; Library Aid—1; Teacher Aid—1; Senior Girls Club.



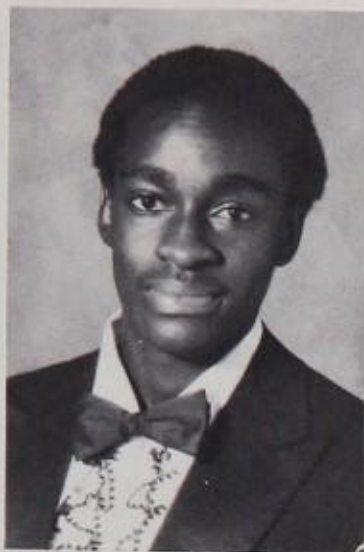
Lion's Club Sweethearts and Junior Rotarians were senior girls and boys (respectively) chosen by the senior sponsors, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Jones to represent the school at a luncheon given by the Lions' Club and the Rotarians. The boys went on one Thursday of the month and the girls one Tuesday. At the beginning of the school year, the selection team voted from seniors on the eligibility list and the highest total point score for each boy and girl went first (September).

The students were: Sept. Vince Palasota and Anna Schuster; Oct. Joe Lucas and JoAl Cannon; Nov. Jerry Current and Monette Stone; Dec. Jay Moore and Lori Elick; Jan. Lloyd Gillespie (not pictured) and Mitzi Fountain; Feb. Theron Thomas (np) and Jo-



Lions' Club Sweethearts and Junior Rotarians.

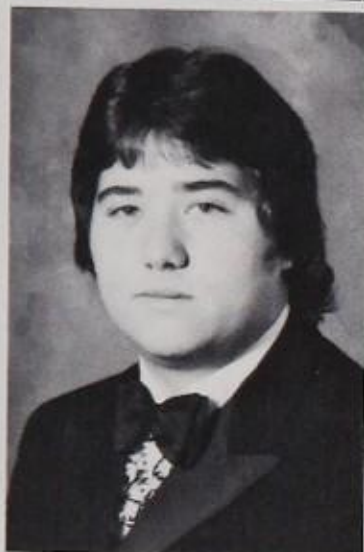
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Angela Denise Cyrus—Basketball—2; Volleyball—1; Track—1; HECE—1; FHA—4, Senior Girls Club.

Elvis Echols

Wilford C. Eggins—Football—3; Building Trades—2; VAC Co-op—1; FHA—1.



Lori Gail Elick—Band—4, Librarian—1; FHA—3, Treas—1; Drama Club—1; UIL Literary Team—4, Regionals—1; Society of Distinguished American High School Students; Academic All-American; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Leo Club—1; Senior Girls Club; National Honor Society—2, Sec—1; Lion's Club—1; Academic Sweater—4, Most Likely to Succeed, Most Intelligent; Honor Graduate; Salutatorian.

Troy Foley—FFA—4; Inquiry Club—2; HECE—2.

Wendy Gail Foley—Band—4, Librarian—1; Student Council—1; National Honor Society—2, Treas—1; Academic Sweater—4; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Lion's Club Sweetheart—May; FHA—2, Hist—1; Drama Club—1; UIL Spelling—6th place; Track—1; Honor Graduate.



"El Jefe", Theron Thomas, at the Spanish Club Christmas party at Sponsor Rash's house.

anna Hill; March Delbert Kyle (np) and Tamra Nelson; April Kenneth Quigley (np) and Jackie Chatham (np); and May Randal Levingston and Wendy Foley.

Mitzi Ruth Fountain—Band—4, Sweepstakes—2, Librarian—1; Student Council—4, Rep—1, Vice Pres—1, Pres—1; Drama Club—4; OAP—2, Honorable Mention All Star Cast—1, State—1; FCA—4; Golf—3, Regionals—2; Track—1; Pres. of Soph Class, Pres of Junior Class, Homecoming Court—Senior Princess; Lion's Club Sweetheart for January; JV cheerleader—1, Varsity cheerleader—1, Asst. Head—1; Miss MHS; Society of Distinguished American High School Students; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Academic All-American; National Honor Society—2; Academic Sweater—4; Senior Girls Club; Best Dressed; Honor Graduate.

Stephana Franklin—JV volleyball—1, Varsity volleyball—3, Basketball—4, All District 1st Team—2, All District 2nd Team, All-American Team; Track—3, Regional shotput and discus—3; Homemaking—2; Rainbow Chapter Reporter; FCA—4; Captain of Basketball Team—1; Metal Trades—1; Inquiry Club—1; Senior Girls Club; Drama Club—1.

Dorothy Marie Giddings—CVAE—2; FHA—2; Drama—1.

Lloyd Gillespie—Vica—2, Reporter—1; Varsity Basketball—2, JV Basketball—1, Honorable Mention Varsity Basketball; JV Football; Home-making—2; Craziest.

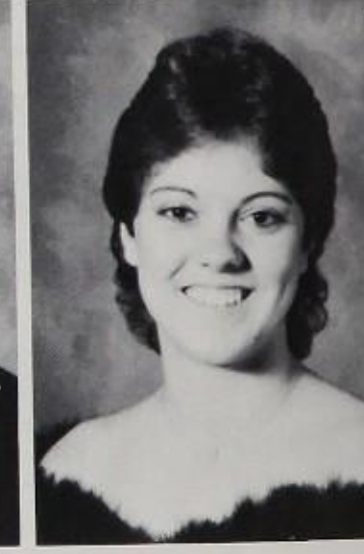
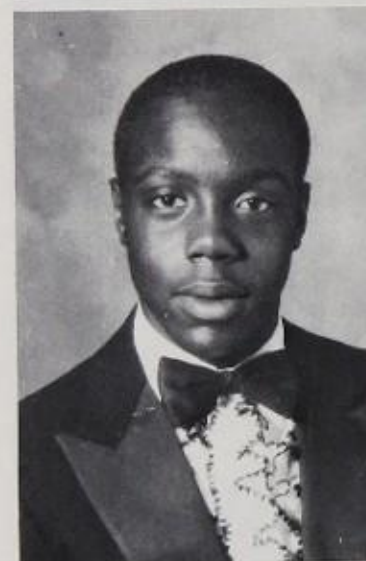
Carla Golden—FHA—2.

Roberta Rosha Haynes—FHA—4, Delegate to State FHA meeting; Athletics—2, Basketball—1; Fresh Duchess, Senior Princess; HECE—1; ICT—1; Academic Sweater Winner—1; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Senior Girls Club.

Joanna Hill—Band—4, Social Lt—1; Drum Major—1; Miss Spirit—1; Sweepstakes—2; Student Council—4, Treasurer—1, Sec—1; Drama Club—4, Historian—1, Secretary—1; OAP—4, State—1, Area—1, Honorable Mention All Star Cast—1; National Honor Society—2; JV cheerleader—1; Golf—4, Regionals—2; FCA—3; Who's Who Among American High School Students—2; Society of Distinguished American High School Students—4; Lion's Club Sweetheart for February; Academic All American—1; Soph Class Rep; Junior Class Treasurer; Senior Girls Club; Academic Sweater—4; UIL Prose—2nd place in district; Biggest Flirt, Honor Graduate.

Charles Hinchliffe—UIL Calculator—3; Spanish Club—3; Band—4, Uniform Lt—1; Inquiry Club—2; OAP—1, Ramah Campbell Theater Arts Society—2; Math Science Team—4; Society of Distinguished American High School Students—3.

Kathryn Betts Hitt—Band—2; Office Aide—1; VOE-OEA-Sec—1; Student Council—2, Rep—1; Theater Arts—2; Varsity Tennis—4; Annual Staff—2; Photographer—2; Editor—1; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Most Likely Not To Get Caught.



Jenny Allen **really** smiling at the Spanish Club Christmas party: must have been some party.



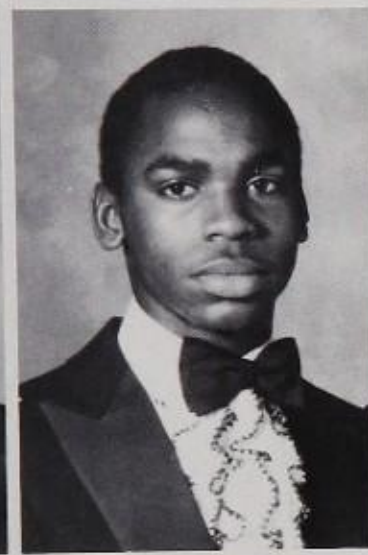
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Stanley D. Hobbs—Football—4, All District Defensive Tackle; Baseball—1; Basketball—1; VAC Co-op—2.

Eva Joyce Johnson—FHA—3; Choir—2.

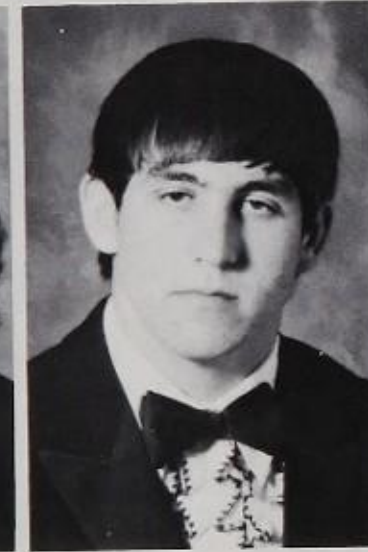
Betty Jones—CVAE—2, Historian—1, Treasurer—1; FHA—2, Treasurer—1.



Darrell Jones—Spanish Club—1; Tennis—1; UIL Prose—3; OAP—2, State—1; Drama Club—2, Officer—1; Inquiry Club—2, Officer—2; Nominee of United States Drama and Speech Award—1; Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Leonard Ray Jones—Football—1; Basketball—2, Bi-district runner-up; Track—3, Regional Qualifier 880 meters and 1600 meters; Building Trades—1; Metal Trades—1; Vica Club—1, Parliamentarian—1.

Michael Kerzee—Leo Club Member—2, Pres—1; UBA staff—3; Inquiry Club—2.



Wesley Kuehn—Ag—1; Metal Trades—2, Secretary—2; DECA—1, Secretary—1.

Delbert Wayne Kyle Jr.—DECA—2, Pres—1; FFA—3; FCA—1; Football—4; Baseball—2; All-district Football—1; Junior Rotarian—March; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Voting Delegate for DECA State Convention.

Randal Livingston—Student Council—1; Band—4, Uniform Lt—1; Mr. Spirit—1; National Honor Society—2, Rep—1; Senior Class Reporter; UIL Literary Events—1; Academic Sweater—4; Inquiry Club—1; Drama Club—1; Annual Staff—1, Assistant Editor—1; Who's Who Among American High School Students—2; Quietest; Honor Graduate.



Belgians wear less make-up.

Marc Bailleux from Belgium was Mexia's foreign exchange student for 1984-1985. Annual Staff asked him these questions and got these answers:

Q. How do you like school here in Mexia?

A. "I like the school here since it's much easier than in Belgium and we don't have as many sports, clubs, etc., so I prefer the school system here.

Q. How are the people and culture different in

Belgium and the U.S.?

A. "People in the U.S. live too fast and really don't take time to enjoy the things they have. In Belgium, we enjoy good food and we live slower. Except for these things, the traditions remain about the same.

We also asked if he had any comments and he said, "Girls in Texas wear too much make-up!"

We are glad Marc could come to the U.S. and study our heritage and we hope he enjoyed it.

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Michelle Denise Lewis—Band—4, Uniform Lt.—1, FFA—1; VOE—OEA—1; Senior Girls Club, DECA—1.

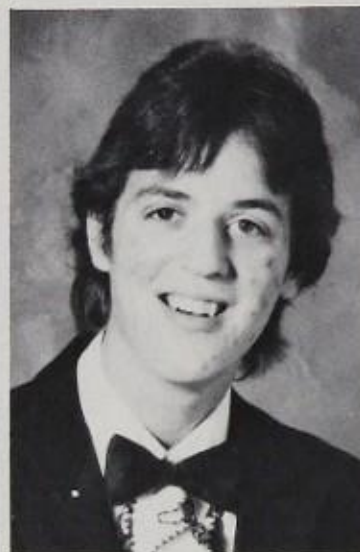
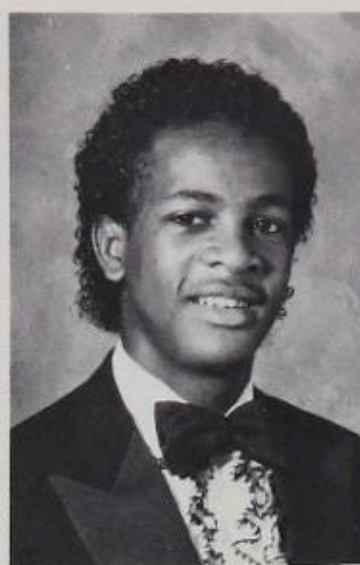
Gregory Granaldo Lonzie—Basketball—4; Track—1; FFA—1; FHA—1; Baseball—1.

Joe Glenn Lucas—Varsity: Football, Track, and Golf; FFA—4, Sentinel—2, Secretary—1; FCA—2; Junior Rotarian; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Academic All-American; Senior Class Treasurer; Academic Sweater—3; National Honor Society—1; Best Reputation, Most Likely Not to Get Caught, Honor Graduate.

Ida Elaine Matthews—Choir—4; VAC—1; FHA—2; Homemaking—1; CVAE—2.

Mark McAfee

Tracy Miller—OEA—2, Treasurer—1; Office Aid—1.



Elvis Echols working hard at his job at the Elementary School.



Ray Smith stopping long enough to take a picture.

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Jay Moore—FFA—4, Vice Pres—1, Treasurer—1; Reporter—1; FCA—4, Treasurer—1, Vice Pres—1, Pres—1; Student Council—4; Football—4, Honorable All-District Offense; Golf—3; Junior Rotarian, Rotary Youth Citizenship Awardee; The society of Distinguished American High School Students; Academic Sweater—3; American Athlete; Honor Graduate.

David Lee Myers—Golf—2; Baseball—2; Football—2; Student Council—1; Drama Club—2; Debate Club—3, Treasurer—1, Historian—1; UIL Ready Writing—1, Spelling—1; UBA Staff Reporter—1, Photo—1; Voice of Democracy 1st place; Leo Club—3; UIL Number Sense—1; Academic Sweater—3; Spanish Club—2, Vice Pres—1; FFA—2, Chapter Conducting Team; Homecoming Escort—2; Who's Who Among American High School Students—1; FCA—3; Honor Graduate.

Tamra Lachelle Nelson—Band—4, Twirler—3, Historian—1, UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest—Twirling—3, State Qualified—3, Sweepstakes—2; Freshman Class Secretary; Debate Team—3, Secretary—2; Drama Club—3, Reporter—1; Sophomore Class Secretary; Student Council—3, Parliamentarian—1, Treasurer—1; UIL OAP—1, UIL Ready Writing—6th Place District Regionals, UIL Informative Speaking—4th Place District; Junior Class Secretary; National Honor Society—2; Leo Club—3; FCA—1; FFA Sweetheart; Senior Homecoming Princess; Lion's Club Sweetheart—March; Senior Girls' Club; Academic Sweater—4; Society for the Distinguished American Student—4; Who's Who Among American High School Students—2, TAASC Award; Best Looking, Best Reputation; District FFA Sweetheart; Honor Graduate.

William Gregory Nemons—Football—3; Track—4; ICT—1, Sec—1; FHA—2.

Sandra Nolan Stewart—FHA—3; VAC—1; HECE—1.

Alfred O. Moore—FHA—1; Spanish Club—1; Baseball—1; Basketball Manager—3; Best Dressed.



"A rose by any other name is still a rose."

Michelle Lewis fitting a customer at her job at Sinclair's.

No

Terry Owen—Ag—1, VICA—2; Rep—1; DECA—1.

Guy Leslie Owens III—Football—1; Ag—2; FFA—4.

Vince Palasota—FFA—4; Greenhand, sentinel—1; Treas—1; VP—1; Pres—1, Corsicana District Pres—1, Greenhand degrees; Chapter Farmer; Lone Star Farmer; Student Council—4; Parl—1; United States Student Council Award; National Honor Society—2; Who's Who Among American High School Students—2; Track—1; Basketball—1; Drama Club—2; Football—4, 1st Team All-District 16AAA—1; Best defensive back award—1, 1st Team All-Golden Circle—1; 1st Team All-District 17AAA—1, 2nd Team All-Golden Circle—1; Captain—1; Baseball—4; Hon. Ment; All-District 16AAA—1; 1st Team All-District 16AAA—1, 16AA Batting Champ—1, All-Tournament—1; Junior Rotarian; Academic All American; Academic Sweater—4; Senior Class President; American Athlete; Mr. MHS; FCA—3; Cris Cargill Sportsmanship and scholarship Award; Santa Fe Industries scholarship; Go Texan Scholarship; Honor Graduate; Most Likely to Succeed, Best Looking, Most Intelligent, Most Conceited, Honor Graduate.

Jimmy Pearson—Building Trades—2; Soph VP; Junior Pres., VICA.

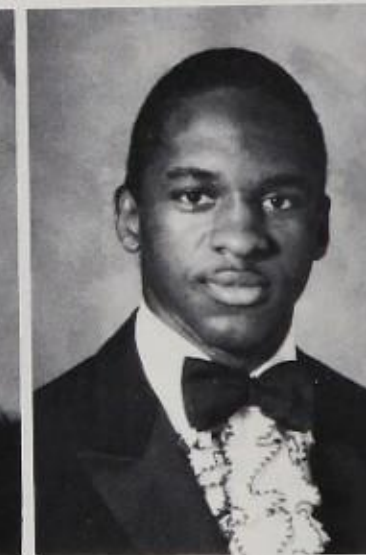
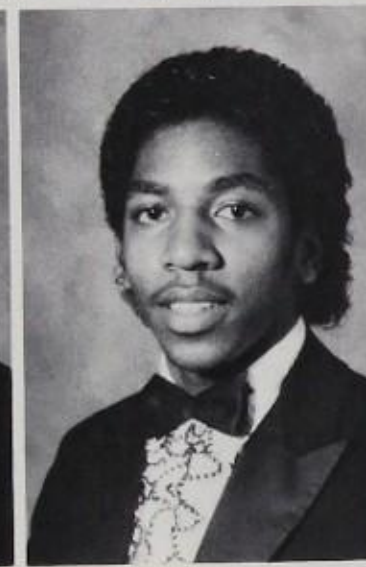
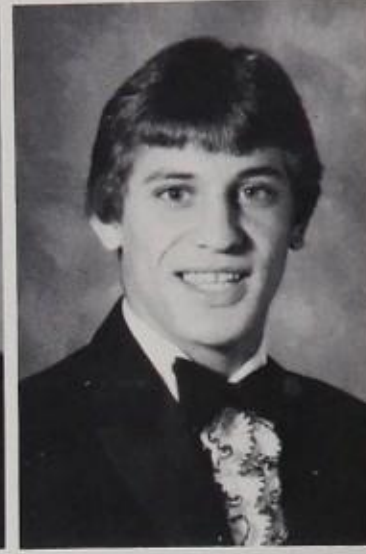
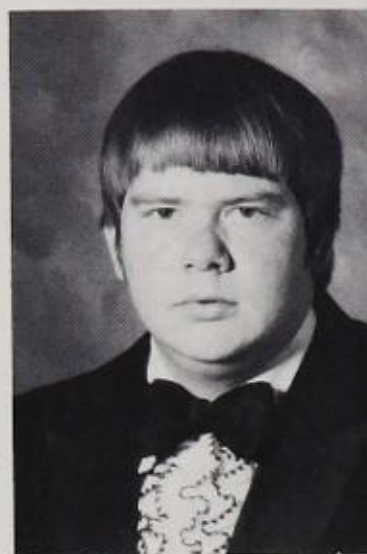
Michael Steve Perry—Athletics—4, Var Basketball—2; HECE—1, Building Trades—1.

Arlene K. Powe—FHA—1, Rep—1; FTA—2; Latin Club—2; VOE—1; Student Council—1, Merit Member and Volunteer—1; Citizen of the Month—1; Who's Who Among American High School Students—1.

Shana Renée Proctor—Sr. Duchess; FHA—2; Senior Girls Club; HECE—2; Track—2; Volleyball—2.

Kenneth Quigley—VICA, Sgt at arms—1, Pres—1; Varsity Football—3, 1st Team All-District—1, Varsity Basketball—2, 1st Team All-District—2; First Team All Golden Circle Football—1, First Team All Golden Circle Basketball—1, Varsity Track—3, Regional Qualifier—4, Who's Who Among American High School Students; Junior Class Rep—1; Freshman, Soph and Junior Class Favorite, Most Athletic, Best Arguer.

Cisco Recalde—Ag—1; Metal Trades—2, VICA Pres.



Senior boys at the 7:00 a.m. photo session. This morning is just one of many when students had to rise early for some extracurricular activity.



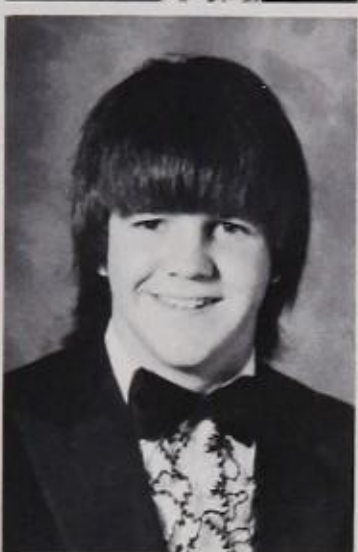
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Shirley Ross—FHA—3; Choir—1/2; VAC—3.

Berneadette Sandles—FHA—3; Senior Girls Club.

Steve Schronk—FFA—2; Greenhand Conducting Team; VICA—2, Rep—1; MDE—1, Rep.



Anna Marie Schuster—Band—4, Publicity Lt—1, Texas Wesleyan Honor Band—2, District Band—2, Regional Band—1, Twirler—3, Head—1, State Qualified on clarinet and twirling—4; National Honor Society—2, Pres—1; Ramah Campbell Theatre Arts Society—4; Treas—1; VP—1; OAP—4; Honorable Mention All-Star Cast District Level—1, All-Star Cast, Regional and State Levels—1, District Winning Play—2, Area Winner—2, Regional Winner—1; Student Council—1; Junior Class Rep—1; Extemporaneous Speech Team—3, Capt—2, District Winner—2, Debate Team—2; FCA—4; Sec-Treas—1; Volleyball—2; Academic Sweater—4; Limestone County Farm Bureau Queen—2; Limestone County Peach Queen—2; Texas Peach Queen—1; UIL District Literary Team—4, Prose Reading, first—1; Most Conceited, Honor Graduate.

Linda Marie Smith—Volleyball—4; Basketball, JV Track, Academic Sweater, Who's Who America High School Student; Senior Girls Club; FHA—4; HECE—1; CVAE, Pres—2; State Meeting—2.

Michael A. Smith—AG—2; DECA—2; Football—1; Baseball—1; Who's Who in American High School Students; Most Likely To Get Caught.



William Ray Smith Jr.—Ag—2; Ag Coop—2; FFA—3; VICA—2.

Shelly Springfield—FHA—3, Inquiry Club—2, Drama Club—1, Stage-man OAP; FHA—4; UIL—1; OEA—1; Choir—1; Senior Girls Club.

David Sterling—Ag—1; Building Trades—2.



Senior girls in line for their class pictures.

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Monette Lee Stone—Band—4, Solo and Ensemble—1, Sweepstakes—2, Outstanding Bandsmen of Week—1, Band Captain—1; FHA—4, Pres—2, Nominee for Area 8 pres—1; Leo Club—2, Vice Pres—1; OEA—1; Academic Sweater; National Honor Society—2, Vice Pres—1; Lion's Club Sweetheart—Nov.; Student Council—2; Most Friendly; Honor Graduate.

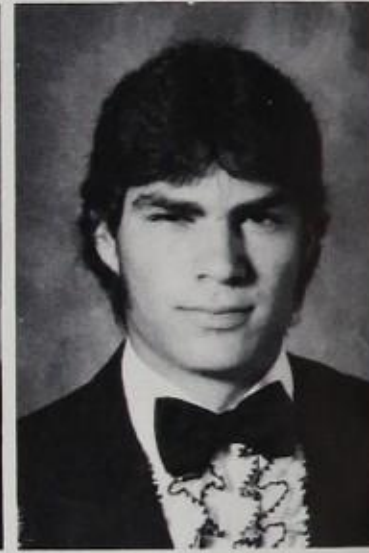
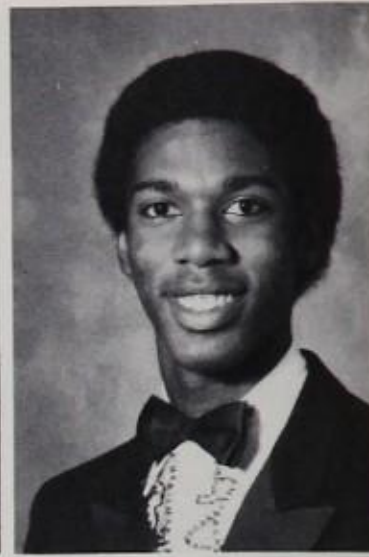
Valerie E'Laine Taylor—FHA—4; Drama Club—1; JV Track—1; Varsity Track—1; VOE-OEA—2, Pres—1; Student Council—1; USSC Award—1; Who's Who Among American High School Students—1; Senior Girls Club—1; Office Aid—2; Senior Class Secretary.

Theron Thomas—Band—3; Tennis—4; Academic Sweater—3; National Honor Society—1; OAP—3, Honorable Mention and All-Star Cast; UIL Typing; Shorthand, Science, Calculator Applications; Dist Band—3, Regional 2; Solo and Ensemble State—1; Regional Science Fair; Spanish Club—1, Pres—1; Student Council—1; Football—1; Track—2; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Drama Club—3; Math-Science Team—3; Honor Graduate.

Eddie Vega—VICA—2; FHA—2, Historian; Drama Club—1, Historian; Spanish Club—2; Inquiry Club—1; Track—2, Manager—1; Reader's Theater—1st and 3rd place; Building Trades—2.

Cynthia Ann Baker Venable—FHA—4.

Eddie L. Warren—Ag—3; Building Trades—1; VAC—1.



Lori Elick and Wendy Foley rafting at Lake Mexia during a senior party and cook-out.



Vince Palasota leaving Mrs. Riddle's room after delivering Valentine's carnations.

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Scott Welch—FFA—1½; Athletics—4; DECA—1.

Delonie Ray Williams—FHA—2; VICA—1; FCA; Metal Trades; Football—4, Honorable Mention All-District, Captain—1; Basketball—4, Honorable Mention All-Dist, Capt; Track—2; Baseball—1.

Chip Winfrey—Band—3, All District—2, All Region—2, UIL Solo and Ensemble—3, First Division—3, Sweepstakes—2; Debate Club—2; Drama Club—2; Spanish Club—1, Reporter—1; Inquiry Club—1; UIL Typing—1; OAP—1, All Star Cast—1; Golf—3, Regionals—2; UIL Journalism Competition—1; Feature Writing—1, Headline Writing—1; Leo Club—2, Reporter—1.



Ginger Lynn Simmons Winkler—Rosebud FHA Parliamentarian—1, Rainbow FHA Reporter—1; VOE—1; Library Aid—1.



Anna Schuster, Joe Lucas, Mitzi Fountain, and Lisa Clark looking over the decorations for the prom.



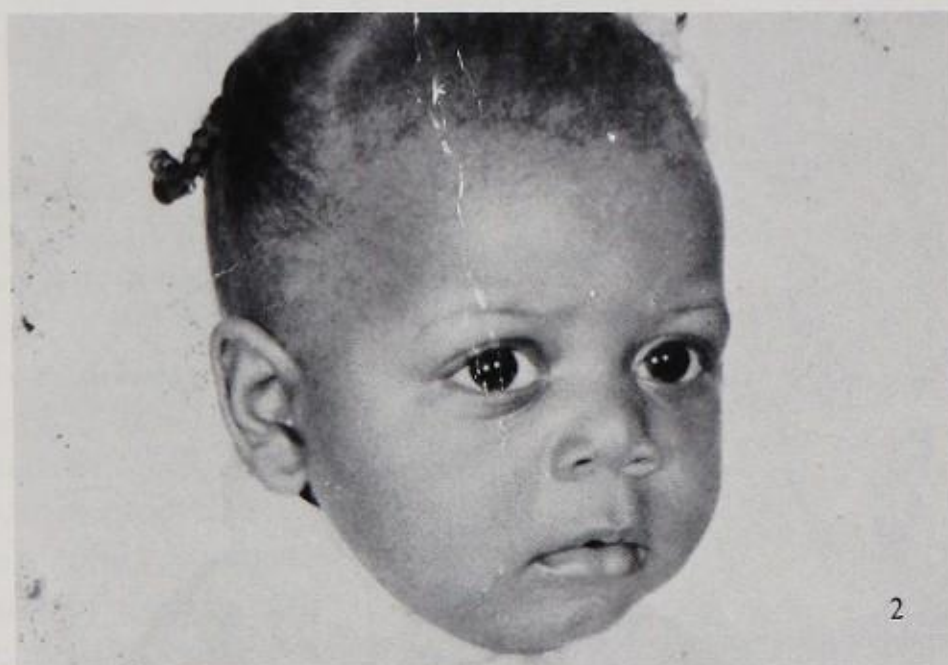
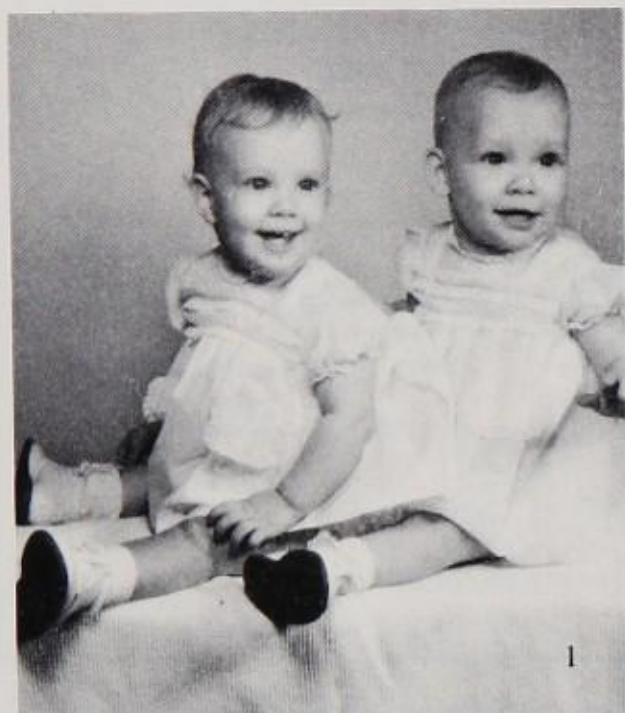
Babies: Monette Stone, Anna Schuster, and Joanna Hill at Anna's birthday party.

The 60's produced more than rock.

What follows on the next several pages are pictures of some of the late 1960's future seniors. Not only was this a time of the Beatles but also the birth of the Seniors of 1985. We printed those photos submitted to us and captioned them as cleverly as possible. Enjoy!!

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1. Jenny & Jody Allen: Sugar & spice & everything nice!
3. Susan Condon: "Don't mess with 'THE KID.'"



2. Rachel Bluit: "Don't make me smile, please."
4. Lisa Clark: "OUCH, the red bugs are biting."
5. Carmen Boyd: "Ride a little horsey down to town."





6. Tracy Burks: "Here's the key to my heart."
8. Stephanie Boyd: "Ain't I cute!"



9. JoAl Cannon: "Don't forget to vote for me."



7. Lori Elick: "No, you can't have my puppy dog."



10. Thelma Curry: "Please don't leave me here alone."
11. Jerry Current: "Boy, isn't she cute."

1. Wendy Foley: "Ahhh, Kevin's such a doll."
2. Troy Foley: Chubby Cheeks.
3. Kathy Hitt: "That's a knee slapper."



6. Wesley Kuehn: "Wow, a blazer for my birthday!"
7. Mitzi Fountain: Mitzi models the latest fashion at Casual's.



4. Joanna Hill: "TEN-HUT, Santa Claus."
5. Lori Huff: Cute as a China Doll.



8. Carla Golden: "Are you talkin' to me?"
9. Randal Levingston: "Don't stick your tongue out at the camera man."
10. Roberta Haynes: "Come to Hawaii."
11. Stephanie Franklin: "I was a happy baby."



1. Guy Owens: "Take me out to the ball game."

2. Tracy Miller: "I'm not ready yet, Franky!"

4. Joe Lucas: "Mom, do I have to sit in the corner?"



3. Vince Palasota: "I'm not hiding anything."

5. Tamra Nelson: "No, Vince, you can't have a bite of my watermelon."

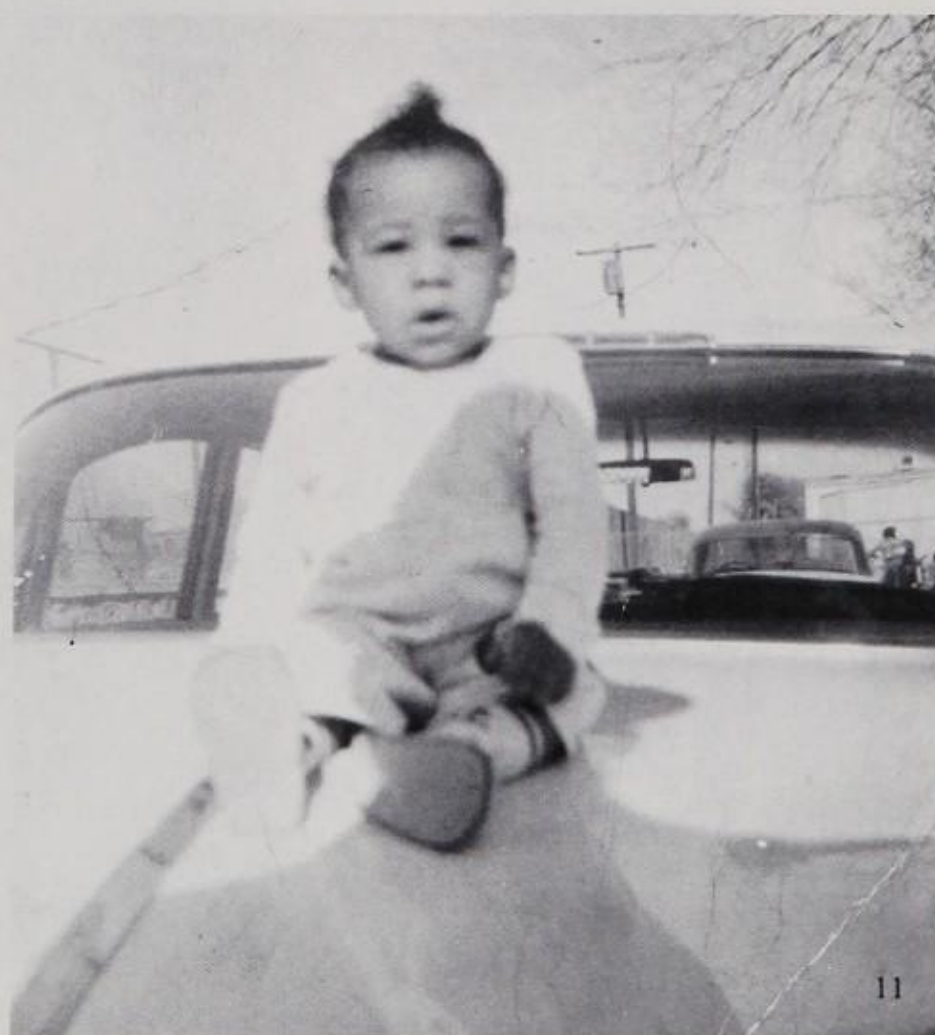




6. Arlene Powe: "Get the bug off my leg."
7. Elaine Matthews: "Put on a happy face."

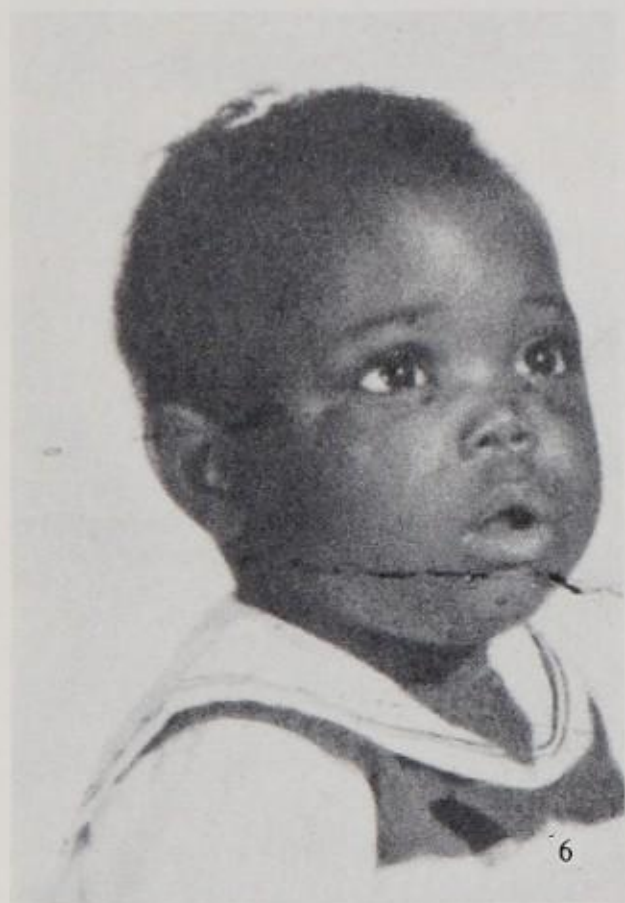


9. Jay Moore: "One day I'll be a football hero."
10. Michelle Lewis: "Thanks Easter Bunny."



8. Michael Perry: "Through the hoop!"
11. Alfred Moore: "The boogie man is going to get me."

1. Ronnie Tyree: Ronnie, before he could talk.
2. Ginger Simmons Winkler: "Davy, can I take the car today?"



6. Sandra Stewart: "I didn't do it; honest!"
7. Monette Stone: "Daddy's little sweetheart."



8. Valerie Taylor: "He's a funny looking camera man."
9. Mike Smith: "How do you like the derby?"



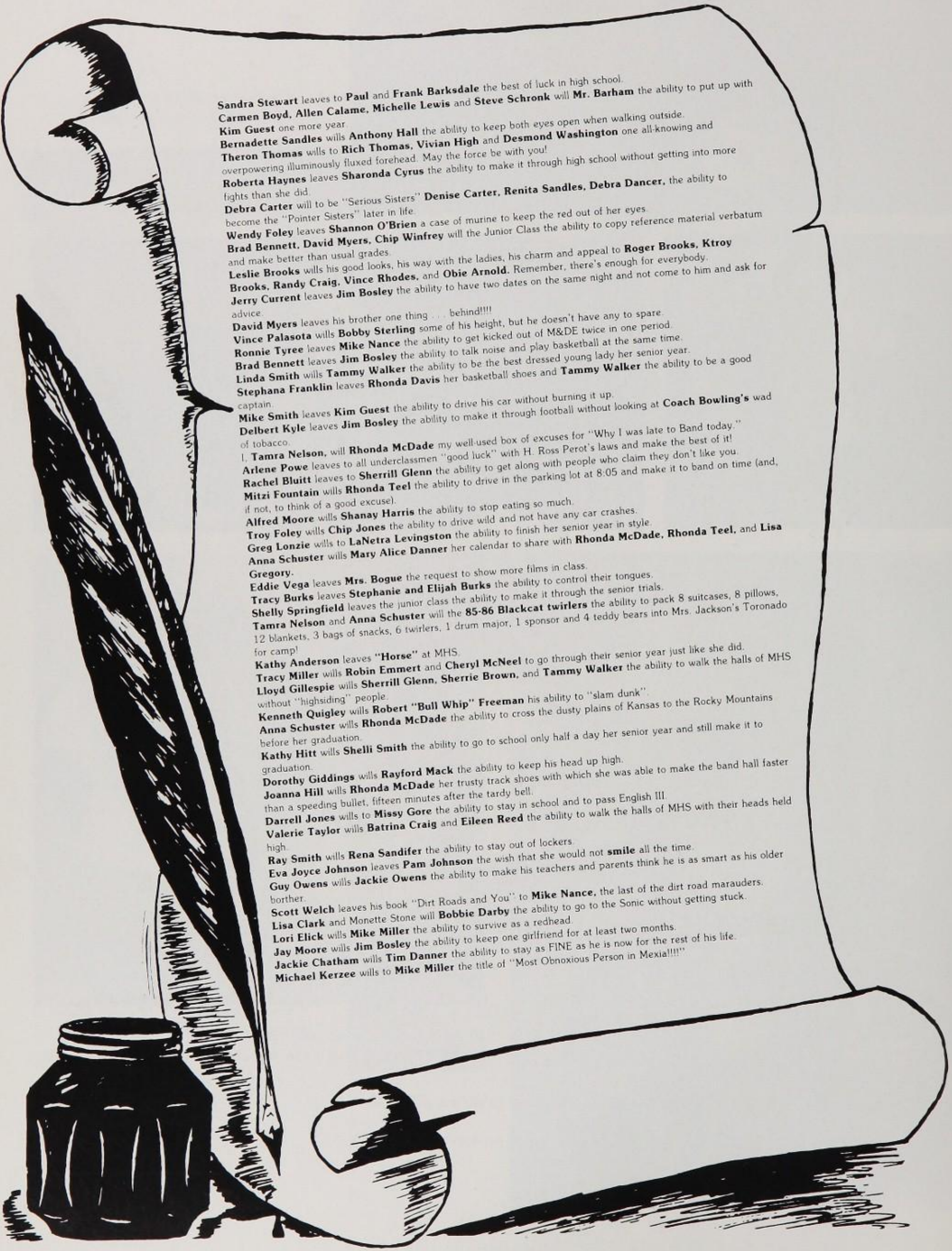


3. Eddie Vega: Break dancing at an early age.
 4. Shelly Springfield: "And I want a Cabbage Patch . . ."
 5. Ray Smith: "Let me out of here."



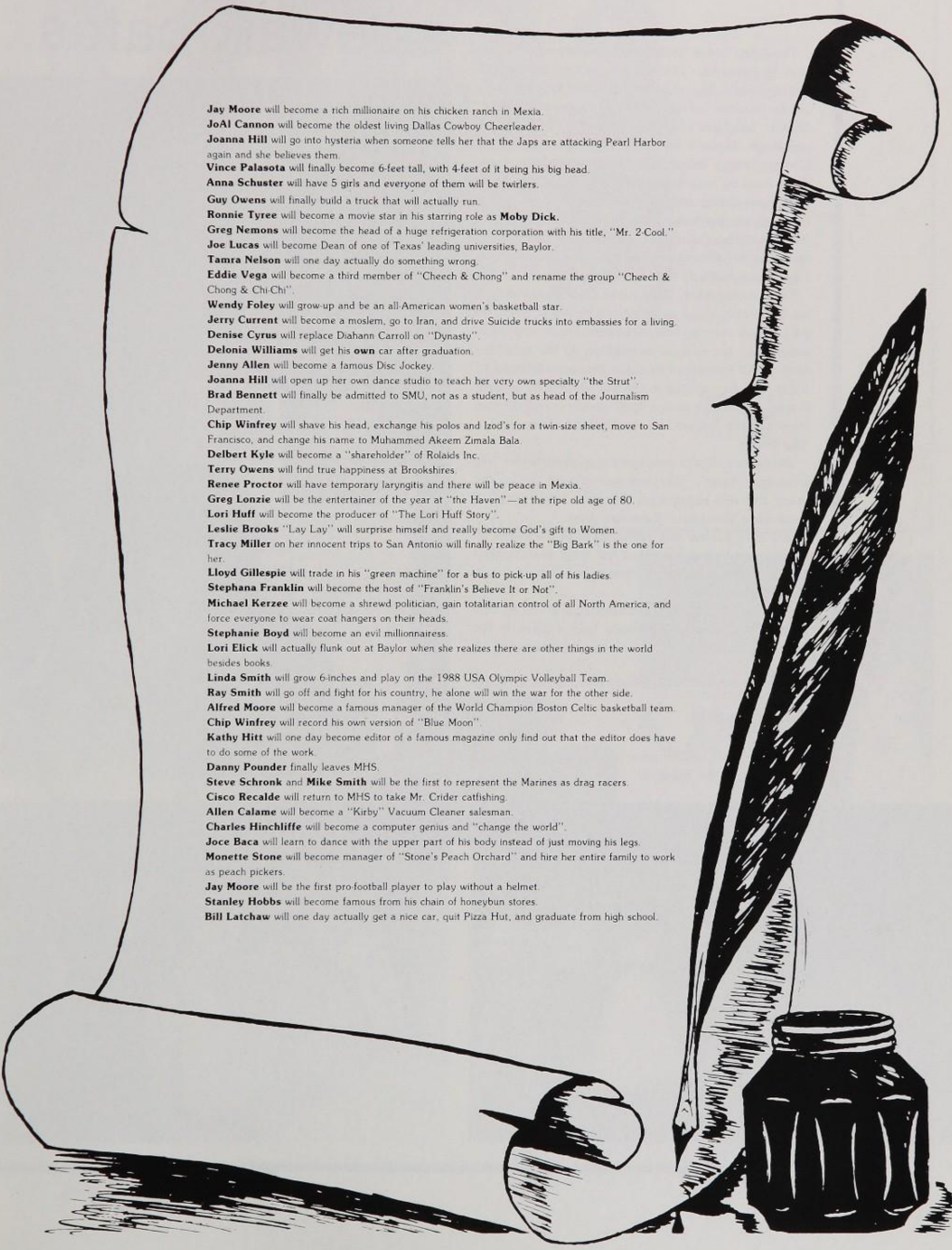
10. Scott Welch: "Put up your dukes."
 11. Anna Schuster: "Just a bowl of peaches and cream."

Seniors bequeath to Juniors.



Sandra Stewart leaves to Paul and Frank Barksdale the best of luck in high school.
Carmen Boyd, Allen Calame, Michelle Lewis and Steve Schronk will Mr. Barham the ability to put up with Kim Guest one more year.
Bernadette Sandles wills Anthony Hall the ability to keep both eyes open when walking outside.
Theron Thomas wills to Rich Thomas, Vivian High and Desmond Washington one all-knowing and overpowering illuminously fluxed forehead. May the force be with you!
Roberta Haynes leaves Sharonda Cyrus the ability to make it through high school without getting into more fights than she did.
Debra Carter will be "Serious Sisters" Denise Carter, Renita Sandles, Debra Dancer, the ability to become the "Pointer Sisters" later in life.
Wendy Foley leaves Shannon O'Brien a case of murine to keep the red out of her eyes.
Brad Bennett, David Myers, Chip Winfrey will the Junior Class the ability to copy reference material verbatim and make better than usual grades.
Leslie Brooks wills his good looks, his way with the ladies, his charm and appeal to Roger Brooks, Ktroy Brooks, Randy Craig, Vince Rhodes, and Obie Arnold. Remember, there's enough for everybody.
Jerry Current leaves Jim Bosley the ability to have two dates on the same night and not come to him and ask for advice.
David Myers leaves his brother one thing . . . behind!!!!
Vince Palasota wills Bobby Sterling some of his height, but he doesn't have any to spare.
Ronnie Tyree leaves Mike Nance the ability to get kicked out of M&DE twice in one period.
Brad Bennett leaves Jim Bosley the ability to talk noise and play basketball at the same time.
Linda Smith wills Tammy Walker the ability to be the best dressed young lady her senior year.
Stephana Franklin leaves Rhonda Davis her basketball shoes and Tammy Walker the ability to be a good captain.
Mike Smith leaves Kim Guest the ability to drive his car without burning it up.
Delbert Kyle leaves Jim Bosley the ability to make it through football without looking at Coach Bowling's wad of tobacco.
I, Tamra Nelson, will Rhonda McDade my well-used box of excuses for "Why I was late to Band today."
Arlene Powe leaves to all underclassmen "good luck" with H. Ross Perot's laws and make the best of it!
Rachel Bluit leaves to Sherrill Glenn the ability to get along with people who claim they don't like you.
Mitzi Fountain wills Rhonda Teel the ability to drive in the parking lot at 8:05 and make it to band on time (and, if not, to think of a good excuse).
Alfred Moore wills Shanay Harris the ability to stop eating so much.
Troy Foley wills Chip Jones the ability to drive wild and not have any car crashes.
Greg Lonzie wills to LaNetra Livingston the ability to finish her senior year in style.
Anna Schuster wills Mary Alice Danner her calendar to share with Rhonda McDade, Rhonda Teel, and Lisa Gregory.
Eddie Vega leaves Mrs. Bogue the request to show more films in class.
Tracy Burks leaves Stephanie and Elijah Burks the ability to control their tongues.
Shelly Springfield leaves the junior class the ability to make it through the senior trials.
Tamra Nelson and Anna Schuster will the 85-86 Blackcat twirlers the ability to pack 8 suitcases, 8 pillows, 12 blankets, 3 bags of snacks, 6 twirlers, 1 drum major, 1 sponsor and 4 teddy bears into Mrs. Jackson's Toronado for camp!
Kathy Anderson leaves "Horse" at MHS.
Tracy Miller wills Robin Emmert and Cheryl McNeel to go through their senior year just like she did.
Lloyd Gillespie wills Sherrill Glenn, Sherrie Brown, and Tammy Walker the ability to walk the halls of MHS without "highsiding" people.
Kenneth Quigley wills Robert "Bull Whip" Freeman his ability to "slam dunk".
Anna Schuster wills Rhonda McDade the ability to cross the dusty plains of Kansas to the Rocky Mountains before her graduation.
Kathy Hitt wills Shelli Smith the ability to go to school only half a day her senior year and still make it to graduation.
Dorothy Giddings wills Rayford Mack the ability to keep his head up high.
Joanna Hill wills Rhonda McDade her trusty track shoes with which she was able to make the band hall faster than a speeding bullet, fifteen minutes after the tardy bell.
Darrell Jones wills to Missy Gore the ability to stay in school and to pass English III.
Valerie Taylor wills Batrina Craig and Eileen Reed the ability to walk the halls of MHS with their heads held high.
Ray Smith wills Rena Sandifer the ability to stay out of lockers.
Eva Joyce Johnson leaves Pam Johnson the wish that she would not smile all the time.
Guy Owens wills Jackie Owens the ability to make his teachers and parents think he is as smart as his older brother.
Scott Welch leaves his book "Dirt Roads and You" to Mike Nance, the last of the dirt road marauders.
Lisa Clark and Monette Stone will Bobbie Darby the ability to go to the Sonic without getting stuck.
Lori Elick wills Mike Miller the ability to survive as a redhead.
Jay Moore wills Jim Bosley the ability to keep one girlfriend for at least two months.
Jackie Chatham wills Tim Danner the ability to stay as FINE as he is now for the rest of his life.
Michael Kerzee wills to Mike Miller the title of "Most Obnoxious Person in Mexia!!!!"

Juniors predict futures.



Jay Moore will become a rich millionaire on his chicken ranch in Mexia.
JoAl Cannon will become the oldest living Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader.
Joanna Hill will go into hysteria when someone tells her that the Japs are attacking Pearl Harbor again and she believes them.
Vince Palasota will finally become 6-feet tall, with 4-feet of it being his big head.
Anna Schuster will have 5 girls and everyone of them will be twirlers.
Guy Owens will finally build a truck that will actually run.
Ronnie Tyree will become a movie star in his starring role as **Moby Dick**.
Greg Nemons will become the head of a huge refrigeration corporation with his title, "Mr. 2-Cool."
Joe Lucas will become Dean of one of Texas' leading universities, Baylor.
Tamra Nelson will one day actually do something wrong.
Eddie Vega will become a third member of "Cheech & Chong" and rename the group "Cheech & Chong & Chi-Chi".
Wendy Foley will grow-up and be an all-American women's basketball star.
Jerry Current will become a moslem, go to Iran, and drive Suicide trucks into embassies for a living.
Denise Cyrus will replace Diahann Carroll on "Dynasty".
Delonia Williams will get his **own** car after graduation.
Jenny Allen will become a famous Disc Jockey.
Joanna Hill will open up her own dance studio to teach her very own specialty "the Strut".
Brad Bennett will finally be admitted to SMU, not as a student, but as head of the Journalism Department.
Chip Winfrey will shave his head, exchange his polos and Izod's for a twin-size sheet, move to San Francisco, and change his name to Muhammed Akeem Zimala Bala.
Delbert Kyle will become a "shareholder" of Roloids Inc.
Terry Owens will find true happiness at Brookshires.
Renee Proctor will have temporary laryngitis and there will be peace in Mexia.
Greg Lonzie will be the entertainer of the year at "the Haven"—at the ripe old age of 80.
Lori Huff will become the producer of "The Lori Huff Story".
Leslie Brooks "Lay Lay" will surprise himself and really become God's gift to Women.
Tracy Miller on her innocent trips to San Antonio will finally realize the "Big Bark" is the one for her.
Lloyd Gillespie will trade in his "green machine" for a bus to pick-up all of his ladies.
Stephana Franklin will become the host of "Franklin's Believe It or Not".
Michael Kerzee will become a shrewd politician, gain totalitarian control of all North America, and force everyone to wear coat hangers on their heads.
Stephanie Boyd will become an evil millionnaress.
Lori Elick will actually flunk out at Baylor when she realizes there are other things in the world besides books.
Linda Smith will grow 6-inches and play on the 1988 USA Olympic Volleyball Team.
Ray Smith will go off and fight for his country, he alone will win the war for the other side.
Alfred Moore will become a famous manager of the World Champion Boston Celtic basketball team.
Chip Winfrey will record his own version of "Blue Moon".
Kathy Hitt will one day become editor of a famous magazine only find out that the editor does have to do some of the work.
Danny Pounder finally leaves MHS.
Steve Schronk and **Mike Smith** will be the first to represent the Marines as drag racers.
Cisco Recalde will return to MHS to take Mr. Crider catfishing.
Allen Calame will become a "Kirby" Vacuum Cleaner salesman.
Charles Hinchliffe will become a computer genius and "change the world".
Joce Baca will learn to dance with the upper part of his body instead of just moving his legs.
Monette Stone will become manager of "Stone's Peach Orchard" and hire her entire family to work as peach pickers.
Jay Moore will be the first pro-football player to play without a helmet.
Stanley Hobbs will become famous from his chain of honeybun stores.
Bill Latchaw will one day actually get a nice car, quit Pizza Hut, and graduate from high school.

Red bricks, blue skies and sidewalk cafes.

The Junior Senior Banquet and Prom were both something to remember. The cafeteria was decorated with red brick walls, blue skies, and sidewalk cafes to carry out the Paradise in Paris theme. The menu consisted of Chicken Spaghetti which was cooked by Betty Bosley and Marie Hayes; a tossed salad prepared by Velma Chrisner; Peggy Smith; and Charlene McDade; garlic bread fixed by Judy Wilkins and Mae Sigrist; tea made by Barbara Jones; and a dessert Strawberry Shortcake made by Jean Ledbetter, Mary Stuart, and Edna Oliver. All these mothers along with John Barham, Donna Hamilton, and Pat Pilkington (chairman of the junior class) helped tremendously with the decorations.

For entertainment, Gerald and Dixie Beard sang a medley of love songs accompanied by Wyatt Beard on piano. They were all from Arlington. Tamra and Vince were called out to waltz to brighten up the entertainment. Shelli Smith read the junior prophecy followed by Vince with the reading of the will which both brought laughs. Jim Bosley gave a final speech to end the fun-filled banquet followed by the highlight of the year—**The Prom.**

Almost two months were spent in preparation for "An Evening in Paris". Everyone was dressed up for the event. The disk jockey from Chandler, Texas provided good music throughout the entire prom.

The Civic Center was decorated to fit the theme including a wishing well with live fish, lamp posts flanked with the names of streets in Paris and on stage a replica of the Eiffel Tower.

The evening was filled with dancing and visiting with friends. The prom will certainly hold a place in the memories of every junior and senior who attended.

Barry Richardson serving Wendy Foley at the banquet.

THE PROM

Jay Moore and Lisa Ledbetter stop long enough to pose for a photo at the banquet.





Victor Adams
Simone Anderson
Marc Balleaux
Jamie Beldin
Arlene Blocker



Jim Bosley
Dorothy Boyd
Sonya Boyd
Sherry Brown
Stephanie Burks



Billy Capers
Vicki Carroll
Christa Chrisner



Junior Favorites Jim Bosley and Lisa Ledbetter.



Class Officers at the Prom:
Pres. Shelli Smith, Treas. Kim Hamilton, VP
Jim Bosley, Rep. Shanna Wilkins, Sec. Sherry
Hughes.

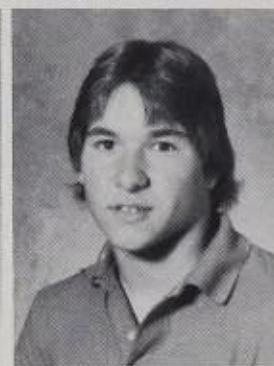
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Sarah Clayton
Melissa Collins
Tonja Conner
Shelly Cooper
Batrina Craig



Neil Dancer
Mary Alice Danner
Tim Danner
Michelle Dawkins
Toni Diaz



Rhonda DuShane
Sonya Eldridge
Elizabeth Elmore
Robin Emmert
Thomas Gafford



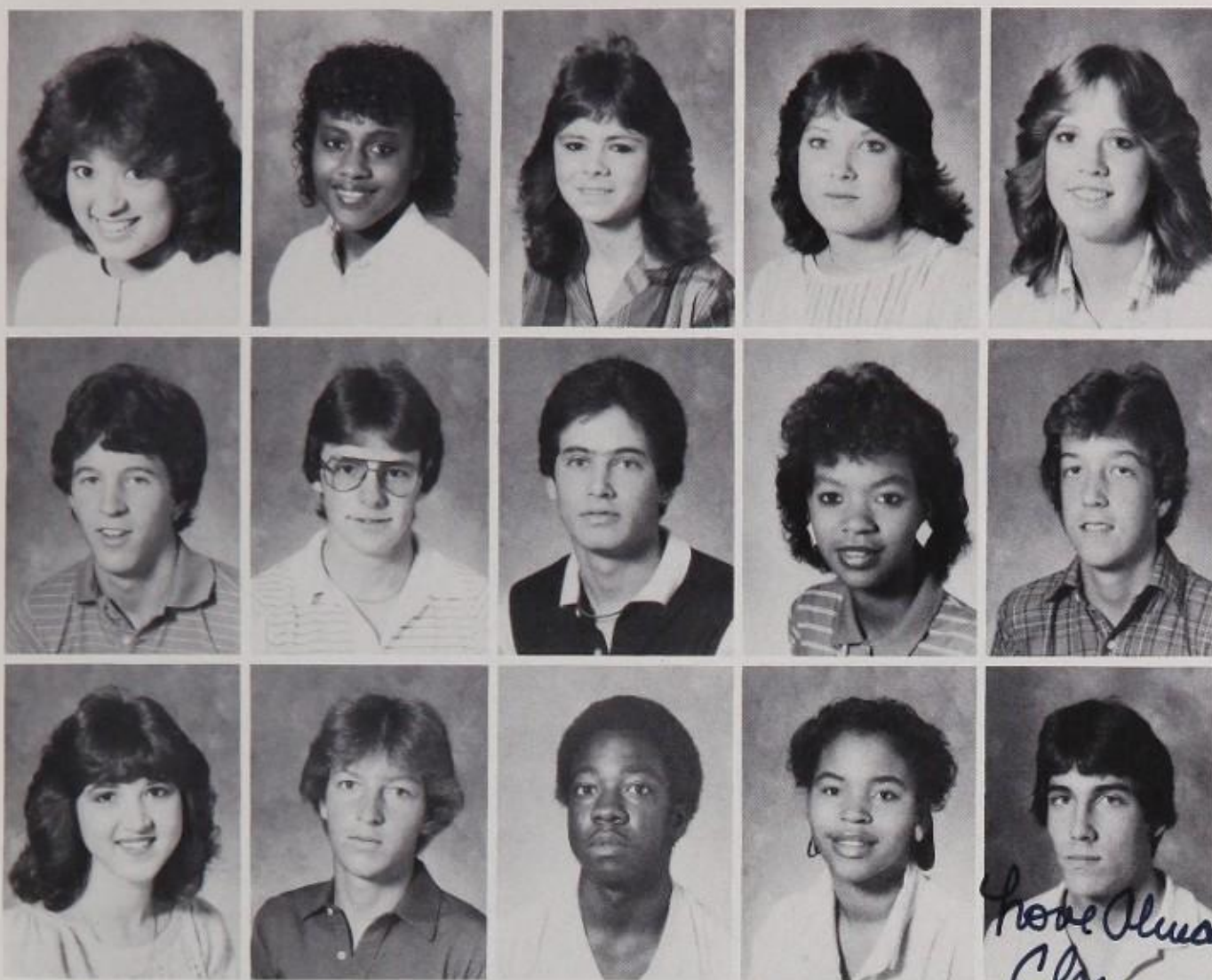
NO SENIORS?

What would a high school be without Juniors? Well, there wouldn't be any seniors next year. So, I guess juniors are pretty important. Since they are so important Annual Staff decided to ask their opinions on some questions.

When asked if she would like to attend summer school and graduate this summer because of the new laws, Mary Danner replied: "I want to take summer school and graduate this summer because of the new laws. School is more boring now than ever and feels like a prison."



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Sherrie Gilroy
Sherrill Glenn
Sharon Glover
Kim Guest
Kim Hamilton

Bert Harrison
David Hayes
Chris Hendrick
Sonia Hogan
Walt Holt

Sherry Hughes
George Johnson
Raymon Johnson
Sherri Johnson
Chris Jones

*Hebe Always
Chris*



Terry Wilson welding in Metal Trades.

Michelle Dawkins checking the salad bar at the Pizza Hut.

Annual Staff asked Kim Guest how she felt about having to take 7 classes if she only needed 3 credits. "I think it's a waste of time and it shows because there has been a lot of people quitting and I know there will be a lot more." Lisa Wright's answer to the same question was: "I think the idea stinks. It is enough taking six classes, I think personally the way people are failing these six periods is bad, why do we need seven?"

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Karen Jones
Jesse Keeling
Tambra Kennedy
Bill Latchaw
Lisa Ledbetter



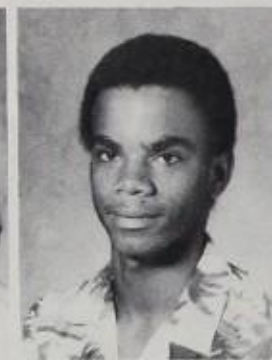
Patrick Lloyd
Donette Loden
Mitch Luke
Tracy Lummus
Lisa McAlister



Rhonda McDade
Verdell McDaniel
Angie Martin
Roy Matthews
Warren Matthews



Victor Milus
Mellissa Morris
Lisa Moore
Shenandoah Price
Labreta Pruitt



When asked if she thought people should be able to graduate at Mid-term, Barbara Sterling answered, "Yes, if they're a honor graduate. If people were able to graduate at the end of mid-term, but only with an overall average of 90 or above, then most people (Seniors especially) would be trying harder to make that average of 90 instead of quitting because of all the new

strict rules given by Ross Perot himself. We're not back in the 1800's where young men and ladies were expected to have perfect manners and great wisdom! It's just too much pressure on us, especially those with jobs. Face it Ross Perot, you may still be living back in the 'Dark Ages' but times have changed for us!"

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★ Leslie Rasco ★
 Jerry Roberts
 Deanna Roundtree
 Scott Samford
 Becky Sigris



Rhonda Smith
 Shelli Smith
 Cassandra Spurlin
 Barbara Sterling
 Keith Tate



Mary Teel
 Sue Trantham
 Tammy Walker
 Jack Ward
 Dickie Washington



Shanna Wilkins
 Billy Williams
 Ann Wilson
 Darlene Winn
 Sharlene Winn



Hi!
 Love
 Ann
 !

Lisa Wright

Annual Staff asked Shelli Smith her feelings about the state law making everybody take all mid-term exams, she said, "I don't like it at all! I work hard to make good grades and being exempt was one way of being rewarded. It makes a lot of people think 'Why try' because they'll have to take exams anyway."

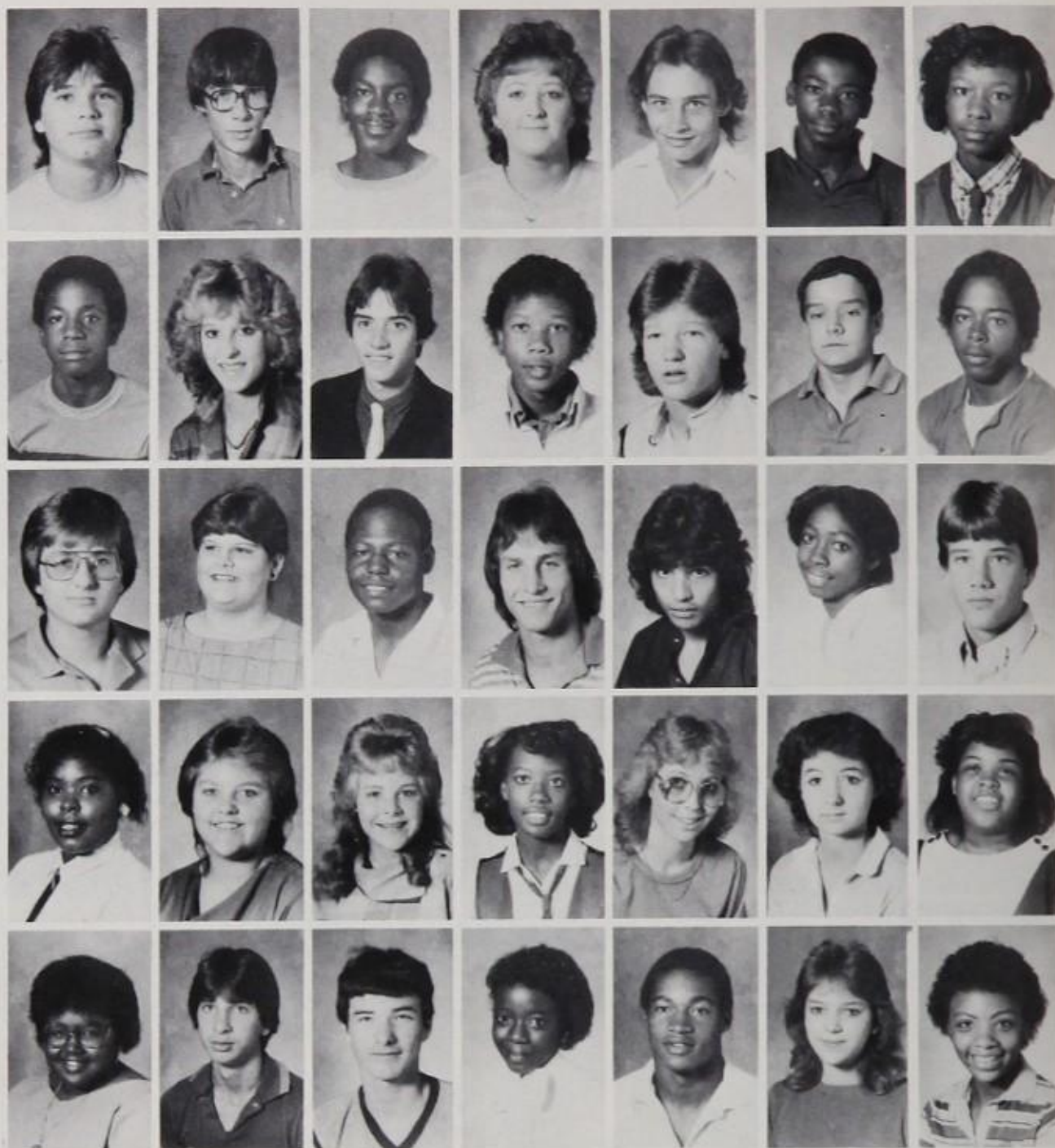
The juniors have some strong emotions on many of the new laws. What would a high school be without juniors? That's one question we'll never have to worry about.

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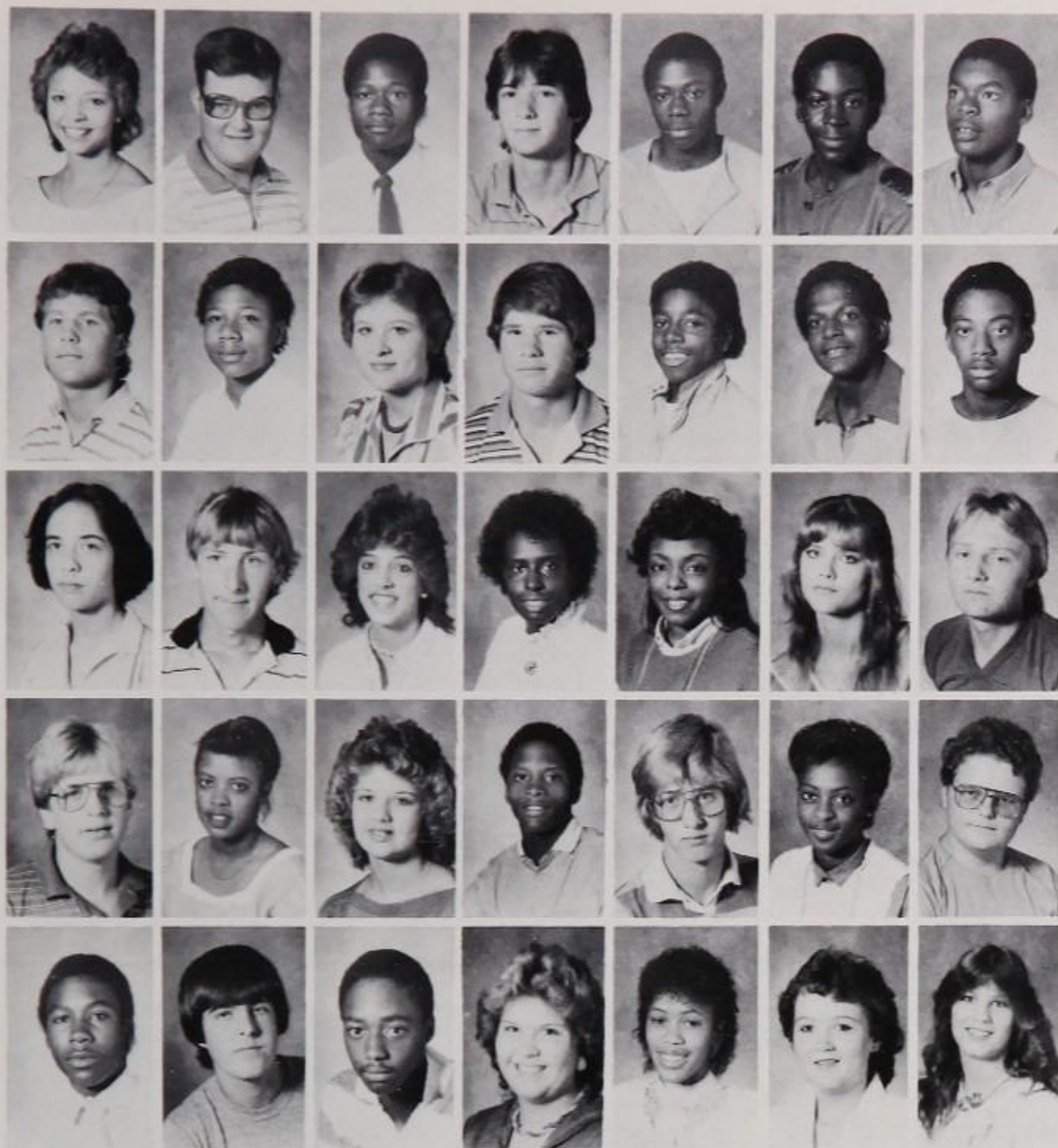
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 Don Barfield
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 Cheryl Beachum
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 Stephanie Beene
 Kenneth Black
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 Porter Briggs
 Ktroy Brooks
 Ken Buchnan
 Emily Bumpas
 Elyah Burks
 Donny Calvert
 Javier Candanoza
 Sharon Carr
 Bryan Carter
 Denise Carter
 Rhonda Carter
 Dawn Cate
 Carolyn Chambers
 Tina Childs
 Jennifer Clark
 Michele Connor
 Carla Cooper
 Jeff Crippen
 Tommy Dabney
 Debra Dancer
 Thomas Dansly
 Bobbie Darby
 Rhonda Davis



Sophomore Class Officers are Vice-Pres. Obie
 Arnold, Rep. Christie Helweg. Officers not
 pictured Pres. Bart Lowry, Sec. Carla Sadler,
 Treas. Dawn Cate



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Linda DeBerry
 Ronald Dean Dockery
 Ivy Joe Douglas
 Bryan Drake
 Anthony Echols
 Bernard Eggins
 Charles Estees
 John Ethridge
 Derrick Ferguson
 Sherrie Fisher
 Clint Flatt
 Travis Flood
 Cedrick Franklin
 Nathaniel Gamble
 Missy Gore
 John Glover
 Lisa Gregory
 Jennifer Griffin
 Ramonita Harris
 Nikki Hart
 Clay Hawkins
 Nile Hawkins
 Carmen Haynes
 Christi Helweg
 Patrick Henderson
 Steve Hicks
 Teneal High
 Michael Hill
 Travoy Hollie
 Chris Jennings
 Efre Johnson
 Michelda Johnson
 Brenda Jones
 Leanne Kennedy
 Tamantha Konczak



Sophomore Favorites Obie Arnold and Elaine Carroll.

It wouldn't be complete.

What would high school be like without Sophomores?

It wouldn't be complete.

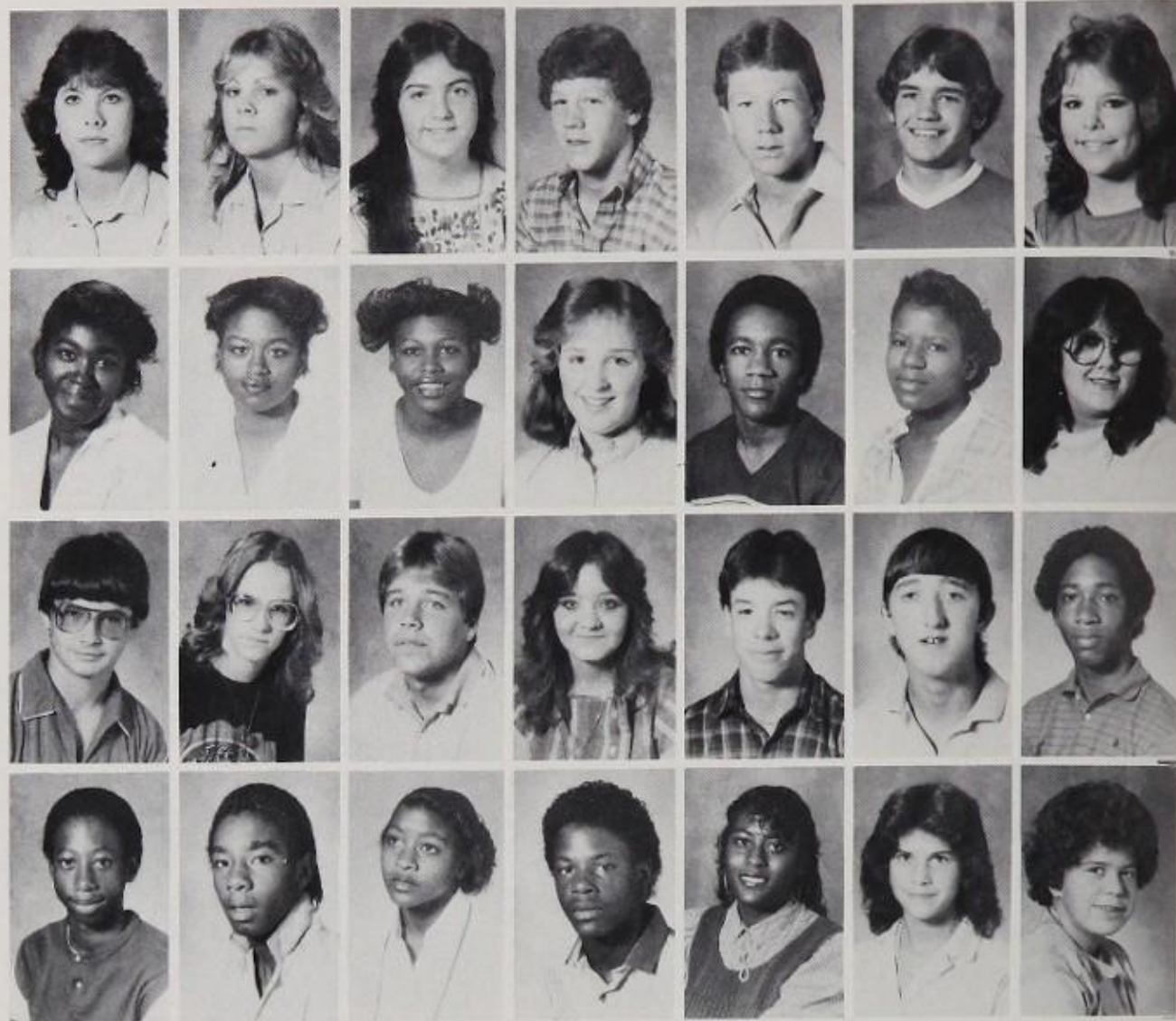
Sophomores were hit hard with new rules last year. They dreadfully found out they would not be able to get out of school for extra curricular activities, they must maintain a grade of 70 to pass just to practice

for extra-curricular activities besides participate in them.

Annual Staff took a survey asking Sophomores questions on different subjects. The following were the different answers received. Q. How do you feel to only have 2 more years left in high school?

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Elisa Kuehn
 Shirley Kyle
 Lisa Lewis
 Bart Lowery
 Bret Lowery
 Jeff Mandeville
 Cindy McBride
 Debbie Medlock
 Felicia Medlock
 Shree Medlock
 Jill Merryman
 Ramon Milano
 Vicki Milus
 Tammie Morris
 Robert Murphey
 Lori Musick
 Jamie Neese
 Shandy O'Neil
 Eric Parker
 Mike Phillips
 Byran Porter
 Jimmy Porter
 Derrick Quigley
 Jackie Quigley
 Willis Ratcliff
 Eileen Reed
 Lucille Reiter
 Margaret Reiter



A. Barry Richardson states: I feel that having only 2 years left in the halls of MHS means that I have 2 years behind me. (Good arithmetic RIGHT!!) No, seriously, it's a time to think of all the good times you've had the past 2, but it also gives you a chance to prepare yourself for college and your goals. In conclusion, I sincerely hope that the next 2 are as good as the past 2."

Q. Do you like having your locker on second hall, where it's so crowded?

A. Dawn Cates feels "It's a lot better than third hall, but most of my classes are on first hall and I feel like I have to walk around the world with a bunch of giants stepping on me to get to it."

A. Charles Estes says "Well, there's



Jamie Neese working hard in his Vocational Shop Class.

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Barry Richardson
 Brenda Rivera
 Marty Robinett
 Samantha Robinson
 Laura Rodgers
 Spike Rodgers
 Lori Sanderson
 Carla Sadler
 Renita Sandles
 Cynthia Sewell
 Annette Smith
 Chris Smith
 Neal Smith
 Bobby Sterling
 Carolyn Taylor
 Rhonda Teel
 Talisha Thomas
 Vanessa Thomas
 Shelli VanWinkle
 Lisa Vega
 Sonya Washington
 Roy Watson
 Cynthia Wiley
 Billy Williams
 John Williams
 Van Williams
 Vana Woodall
 Tammy Yelverton

a disadvantage and slightly an advantage of having your locker on 2nd hall. The disadvantage is that you have to wait all day to start back walking after you have stopped to get your books because if you stop too fast your right on someones heels and by the time you stop and apologize, you're tardy for class. But it does have its advantages; like you don't have to go way over to third hall and back to get your books and all of your classes (most of them) are either on first or second hall. So to

me it's OK; just something you have to live with."

Q. What do you think about the new state law that states you have to pass all classes or you cannot participate in extra-curricular activities?

A. Leanne Kennedy said "I think that it is a very good law. I feel that you should have to pass all of your classes anyway, but I think this will make those that really want to play and don't have good grades, study harder to pass their classes."

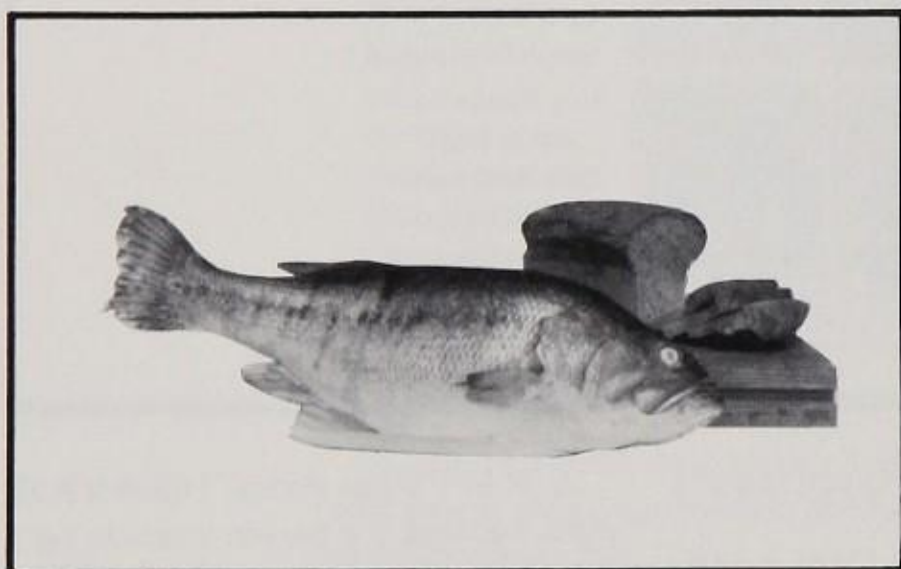
A. Mike Phillips states "I think it is all right, because if a person wants to participate in these activities bad enough, he should be able to put a little more effort into his school work so that he can pass."

As you can tell, Sophomores had various answers. Some of them even had a sense-of-humor. Good luck to you Sophomores. Hang tough with the new laws, second hall, and two more years of high school.

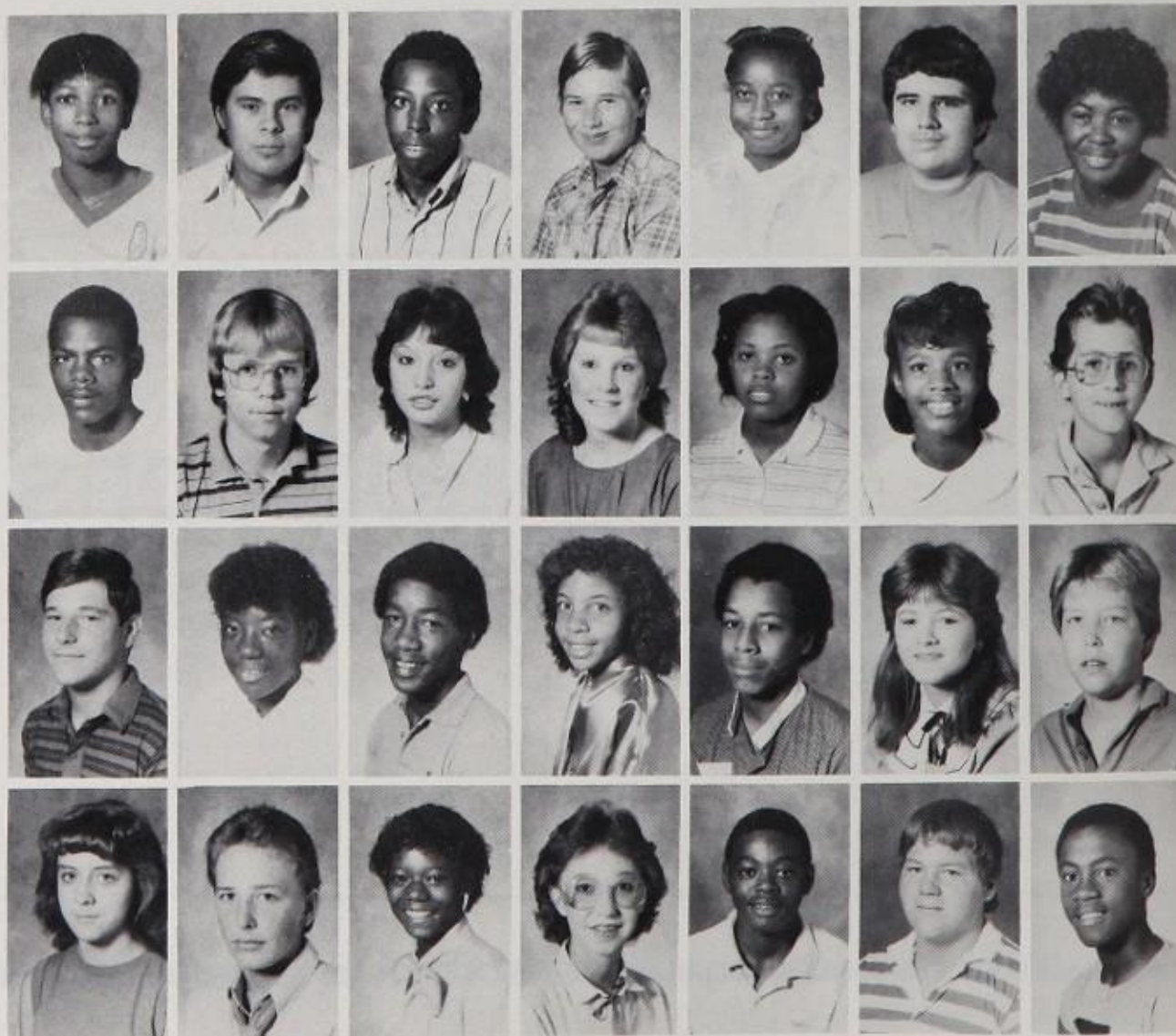
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Freshman class favorites Gary Echols and Cherish Wilkins



Bridget Adams
Manuel Aquero
Frank Barksdale
Joey Blackmon
Kathy Bluit
Ray Boucher
Rita Brooks
Roger Brooks
Brad Burks
Mirna Candanoza
Janetta Capers
Evetta Carr
Jennifer Carroll
Joe Pat Clayton
Chris Clemens
Gailey Coleman
Fred Connor
Angelique Cotton
Kip Cotton
Shonda Cox
Keith Cundieff
Cindy Current
Chris Curey
Cherry Dancer
Linda Danner
Craig Dawkins
John Dolen
Roderick Durham



Pres. Joyce Forge, Trea. Cherish Wilkins, Not pictured VP Bryan Parson, Sec. Andrea Lain, Rep. Kay Reiter



Ke Who would we pick on?

What would High School be without freshmen? Boring. There would be nobody to pick on or to insult, or to push around, or to initiate.

The Annual Staff asked the freshmen to express their feelings on certain subjects. Katrina Winn expressed what she felt about the new law stating that you must have more required subjects. "I feel the laws are very acceptable today in the schools, because it's just preparing us to be ready for the challenges in our lives." Roderick Durham expresses his opinion on the same subject. "I think that it is good to have a new rule to pass so the students will start studying, and will end up with a good education because of this."

Keith Cundieff lets us know what he felt about being able to go off-campus for lunch. "I like that because you need a break from school during the day to keep your sanity and not go crazy." Stephanie Lockhart lets us know how she felt about being able to pick her own electives. "I feel good about it because you don't have to feel that you are being pushed to take certain subjects." James Lacefield expresses what



Gary Echols
Vickie Freeman
Kerri Funderburk
Jesus Garcia
Cindy Garner
Susan Gibbs
Robert Gilmore
Sheila Gipson
David Gonzales
Evonne Greer
Ron Haines
Jana Hall
Beulah Hardaway
Shanay Harris
Culletta Harris
Jena Harring
La Vonda High
Traci Hill
Holly Holmes
Kristi Jackson
Silas Jackson
Paul Johnson
Alma Jones
Kim Jones
Shina Jones
Stephanie Jones
Ray Keefer
Vince Keys

he felt about the same subjects. "I think it's great because the student gets more involved in what he is doing and if the counselor was to pick them the student may not get as involved."

Sherry Mullinex expressed how she felt about being able to take part in High School activities. "It's fun because you get to go places and meet people, and you feel like you're really part of something." Rick Terry expressed what he felt on the same subject. "I think that everyone should take part in at least one school activity. I believe it keeps some people in school."

What would a High School be like without freshmen? We will let you decide.



Danny Kitchens
Donna Kitchens
Andrea Lain
Cliff Leath
Kurt Letzring
Stephanie Lockhart
Melissa Matthies
Todd McAfee
Alton Moran
Sherry Mullinex
Greg Myers
Gary Nichols
Jeff Noey
Niki Norton
Shannon O'Brien
Titania Oliver
Jesse Owens
Chris Parks
Bryan Parson
Tim Pickens
Bryan Pokluda
Yolanda Porter
Kaye Reiter
Vincent Rhodes
Kenneth Rice
Susan Ross
Sharon Sadler



Marla Shamblin
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Angie Simons



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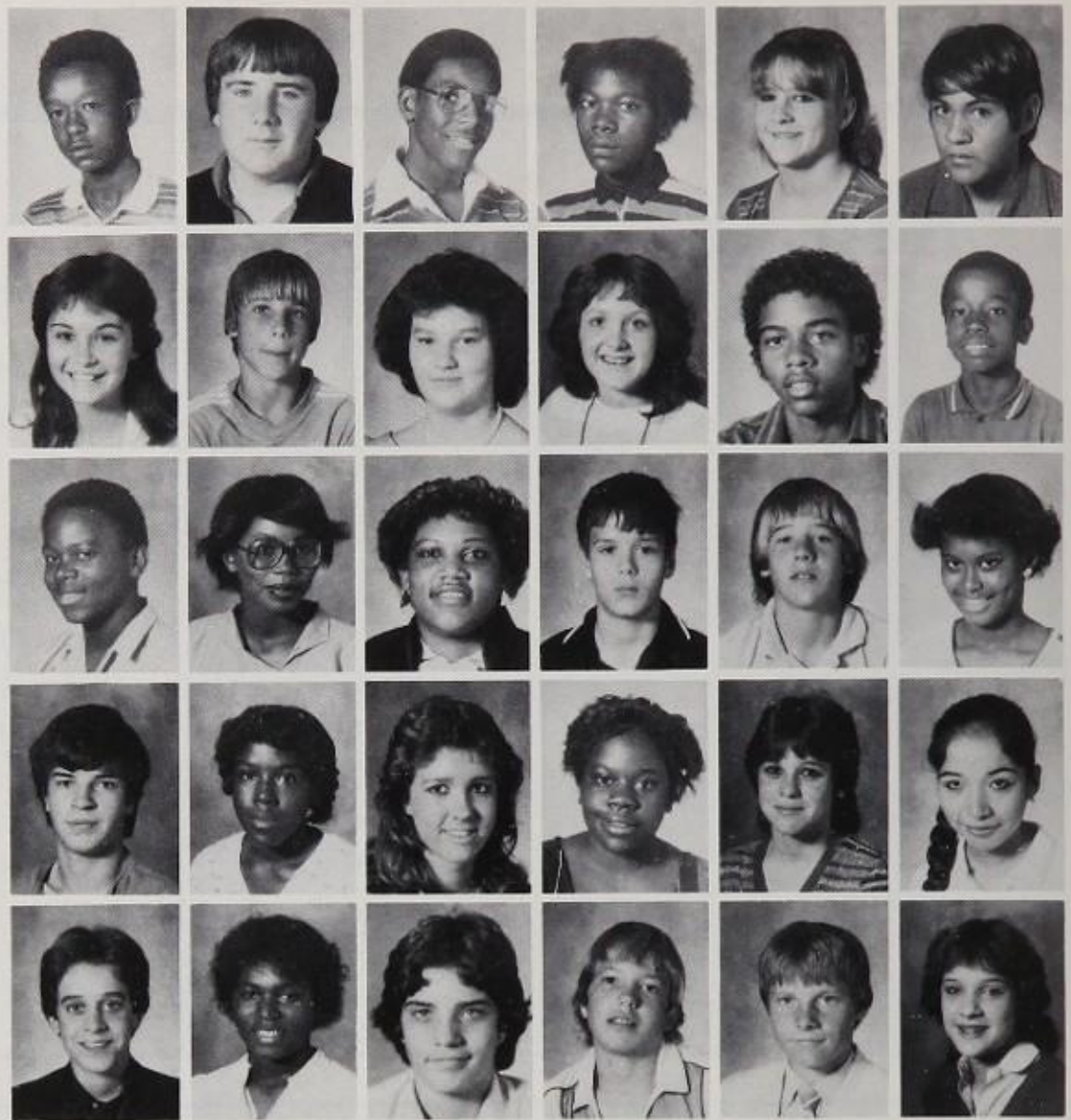
Brandi Smith
Jerry Smith
Ronnie Smith
Stephanie Smith
Jan Sterling
Troy Sterling
Daniel Story

Rick Terry
Vernon Thomas
Kim Trout
Lewis Turner
Kim Villa
Dawn V'lier
Keith Webb

Cherish Wilkins
Lisa Wilkins
Stephanie Williams
Paul Willis
Andy Wilson
Philip Wilson
Gary Windland

Katrina Winn
Rex Woods
Jeff Wright
Leslie Yeldell
Jose Yeppes
Billy York
Stacye Young

James Adams
 Dwayne Allen
 Derrick Anderson
 Johnnie Anderson
 Liz Ardoin
 Jesse Aquero
 Christie Aquilard
 Bill Bailey
 Melanie Barker
 Tracie Barkouskie
 Chris Beachum
 Eric Beachum
 Vance Beasley
 Nicole Bluitt
 Sheronda Bluitt
 Chris Bond
 Jamie Boyd
 Nicole Branch
 Dannis Brasher
 Stephanie Brooks
 Melinda Brown
 Nelda Busby
 Alina Calame
 Lupe Candanoza
 Thure Cannon
 Angelique Carroll
 Allen Carter
 Jon Bruce Childs
 Robert Clemons
 Nicole Cockrell



Occupational Investigation class pauses for a Mexia Daily News photo.



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Lynn Cole
 Michelle Cooksey
 Lisa Cooper
 Beau Copley
 Shelly Copeland
 Sunday Crider
 Chris Crowder
 Sharonda Cyrus
 Salina Davis
 Randy Day
 Sherrie Duncan
 John Forge
 Darby Freeman
 Jason Freeman
 Jerry Fulton
 Brandon Furlow
 Linda Gafford
 Joe Garcia
 Allen Gibson
 Isaiah Giddings
 Gary Gipson
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 Regina Hall
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8th Grade Favorites: Bobby Medlock and Wendy Hamilton.

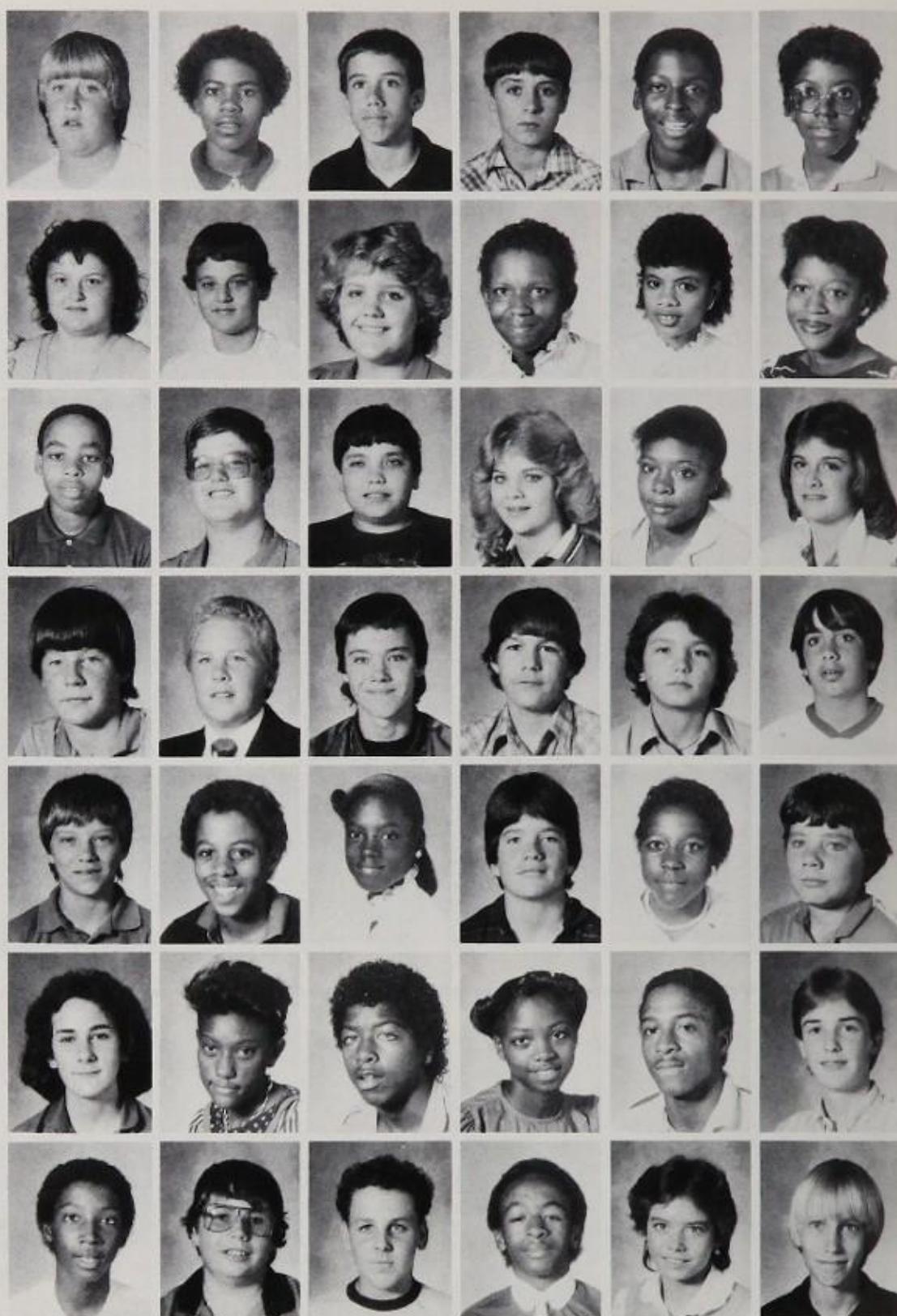
It would be so QUIET!!!!

What would high school be without Eighth Graders??? Oh, what a thought! Many upperclassmen answered: "Quiet, heaven with some being even more demonstrative. One thing for sure it would have been less crowded. This class of Eighth Graders was one of the largest with a 160 plus class.

Even considering the negative feelings towards this younger set, the Annual Staff wanted to ask their opinions on issues relevant to high school since they were a part of that student body.

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Billy Hays
 La Tonya Henderson
 Randy Hendrick
 Ski Hicks
 Kevin High
 Vivian High
 Sheila Hill
 Steven Hogan
 Mary Ann Hughes
 Angela Jackson
 Kathy Jones
 Renee Jones
 Daniel Keeling
 Michael Konczak
 David Keenum
 Lisa Kott
 Mary Lambert
 Stacy Lanningham
 Steven Lawless
 Jason Leath
 Doylan Lee
 Jonathan Lee
 Ronald Lenamond
 Lonnie Lewis
 Jason Little
 Jerry Levingston
 Cynthia Lockhart
 Lance Lucas
 Cynthia Mack
 Philip Mathies
 Michelle Mathis
 Audrey Matthews
 Edward McDaniel
 Rosalyn McDaniel
 Vyron McDaniel
 Mark Merryman
 Bobby Medlock
 Dale Measles
 Stephen McNeil
 Jerome McDowell
 Marty Miller
 Steven Mills



The questions asked were:

1. How do you feel about having a different lunch than the high school?
2. Which school do you like better? High school or Junior High? Explain?
3. What do you think about your Seniors or Upper Classmen?
4. How do you feel about the law stating that you have to have more required subjects because of your grade? Example: Senior English.
5. Do you like the High School pep

rallies better than the Junior High? Explain.

Some of the answers given are below.

Q1. Deana Tyner: "I feel that having a different lunch hour is to our disadvantage because if we had lunch with High School then they **might** stop thinking about us as immature babies and see that we are young adults."

Q2. Anna Hardy: "I enjoy both schools. Middle School was fun because we are learning new things and are making new friends."

Q3. Wendi Winfrey: "Well Seniors are all right but sometimes they get a little big-headed about where they stand in society. Upper classmen are even worse because they won't talk to you."

Q4. Jennifer Smith "I don't like it because you should not have to take English for that many years. We all know how to speak."

Q5. "I like the High School pep rallies better than the Junior High's because at Junior High

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Ann Morris
 Melinda Morris
 Clint Morton
 Christi Mullinex
 Johnny Murphy
 Gene Nix
 Anna O'Connell
 Jackie Owens
 Chris Parker
 John Parnell
 Brandi Phillips
 Tina Phillips
 Tammy Pickens
 Vicky Platt
 Lisa Pounder
 Otis Price
 Cynthia Quigley
 Bobby Ray
 Tera Reed
 Putnom Reiter
 Richard Reyes
 Glenn Roberts
 Beverly Ross
 Lynn Rozell
 Kevin Samford
 Rena Sandefer
 Jason Sanders
 Pablo Sarmiento
 Blaine Schulte
 John Paul Schuster
 Leigh Schuster
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 Robin Smith
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 Debbie Sundy
 Shauna Sutton

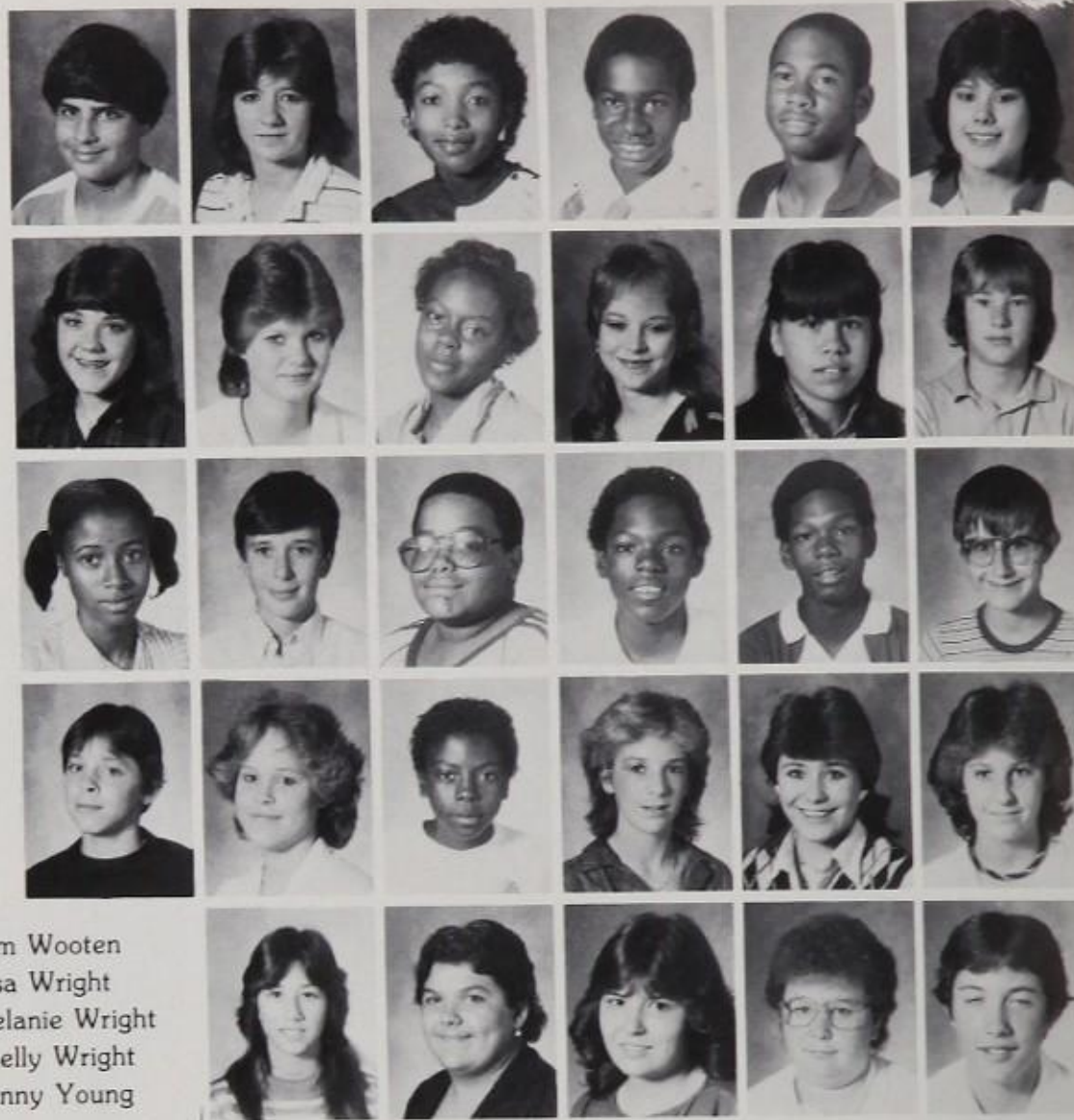
everyone just sits there doing nothing. But at High School most everyone participates and yells with everyone else."

Even though eighth graders are often maligned by upperclassmen and teachers alike what would pep rallies be without their energy and spirit? What would High School be without them? You be the judge.

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Wesley Switzer
 Michelle Taylor
 Lisa Thomas
 Richard Thomas
 Sammie Thomas
 Lejuana Thornton
 Kerry Tribble
 Deana Tyner
 Mishaundria Tucker
 Misty Van Dyke
 Aurora Velasquez
 Kevin Vest
 Vanessa Walker
 Jim Ward
 Desmond Washington
 Rodney Weathers
 Shawn Weathers
 James Webster
 Due West
 Sharon Whittington
 Corey Williams
 Heather Williams
 Wendi Winfrey
 Susan Winkler



Kim Wooten
 Lisa Wright
 Melanie Wright
 Shelly Wright
 Sonny Young

8th grade Student Council member Chris Crowder gets ready to distribute valentines.



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Annual Staff interview with new Supt. Bob Funderburk.

Q. What jobs did you have before this job?

A. "I served as Asst. Supt. for the past ten years. Prior to that, I taught general science, biology, chemistry, and physics in two different school districts for a total of four and one half years. My teaching experience was followed by seven years as a secondary principal.

Q. What was your motive for moving to Mexia?

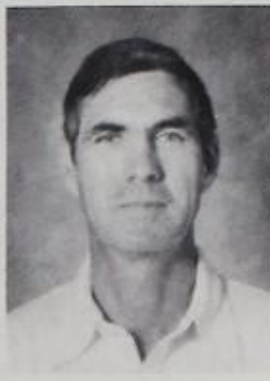
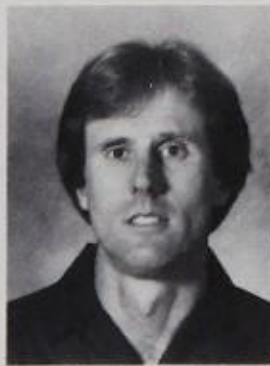
A. "I wanted to serve as superintendent. I had previously served as interim supt. and enjoyed the leadership role. Several of my colleagues had encouraged me to accept this position. When I visited the community and was interviewed by the Board, I found that Mexia seemed to have the things I was looking for. I became excited over the pride of the community and the school. I was impressed with the School Board's concern for the future direction of Mexia schools."

Q. How is Mexia different from where you lived before?

A. "Mexia is larger. The business community is more vigorous and school pride is tremendous. The people of Mexia are warm and friendly."

Q. Do you have any additional comments?

A. "Yes, My family and I are very happy here. We enjoy the school, the community and the Christian fellowship. I want the best possible educational opportunity for all students and look forward to being a part of this experience."



Betty Allison Special Education. BA, MA: Hardin-Simmons University. Hobbies: fishing, working with children.

Brenda Ball 8th English and Math. BA, MEd: UTA, SHSU. Hobbies: sports.

Romie Ball 8th English, Math, Health, Coach. BA: Navarro, UTA.

John Barham Marketing and Distributive Ed., BS, MEd: SHSU.

Margaret Bogue Civics, American History. BA, MA: East Tx Baptist College. Hobbies: reading, sewing, painting, family, church.

Betty Bosley Secretary. Hobbies: crocheting, golf, yardwork, reading.

Bob Bowling 8th Math, 8th PE, Coach.

Phyllis Brubaker Homemaking, HECE, FHA. BS: Navarro College, SFA. Hobbies: painting, sewing, cooking, reading.

Nan Capers Special Ed Aid. Hobbies: ceramics, skiing, gardening, canning vegetables.

Deborah Casados Coordinated Vocational Academic Education 1,2, FHA. BA: SHSU. Hobbies: sports, basketball, needlework.

Chuck Caskey 8th History, Athletics, Health.

Ann Chilcoat Librarian. BS, MEd: SHSU Hobbies: antiques, yardwork.

Marvin Childs Intro Algebra, Athletics. BS: Navarro, Angelo State. Hobbies: sports.

Linda Cobb PE, Varsity Volleyball, Girls' Track. BS: SFA.

Norman Cobb PE, Athletics, Head Coach. BA: Wichita State, Kansas U, Lamar U, SHSU, TT. Hobbies: Fast pitch softball, tennis, golf.

Marita Compton Special Education Secretary.

Ag teacher Greg Goodrum takes a break from his welding for a photo.



Cox R. Crider Biology, Inquiry Club. BA, MA: UT, SHSU. Hobbies: photography, National Guard, History, Natural Science, Numismatics.

Terry Dancer Custodian.

James Dawley Ag 2,3,4, Coop., FFA. BS, MS: Navarro, SHSU. Hobbies: ranching, farming.

Jane Fain English, 8th English, Spelling UIL. BA: UT.

Carolyn Forsythe Counselor. BA, MS: TWU, Baylor, SHSU. Hobbies: handwork, crafts.

Arlene Hawkins Cafeteria.

Marie Hayes Cafeteria.

Charlse Ann Holmes Special Education 8th and HS. BS: SHSU, U. Of St. Thomas. Hobbies: horseback riding, sewing, dancing, yardwork, rose gardening, my daughter.

Betty Holt Homemaking, FHA. BS, MS: TT, Mary Hardin Baylor. Hobbies: piano, art, crafts, fashion design.

Jean Evelyn Hughes American History, Student Council. BA, MS: Baylor. Hobbies: water skiing, needlecraft.

Becky Johnson Cafeteria.

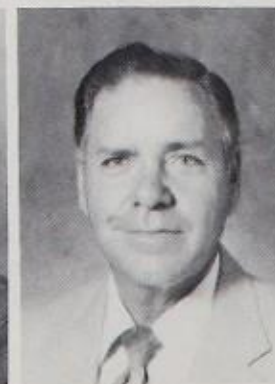
Thomas Johnson 8th History, 9th Athletics. BS: Prairie View A & M

Florence Jones Secretary. Hobbies: crocheting, golf, gardening.

Jack Jones Counselor. BS, MEd: Baylor, Ft. Lewis A & M, SWTSU, SHSU. Hobbies: ranching.

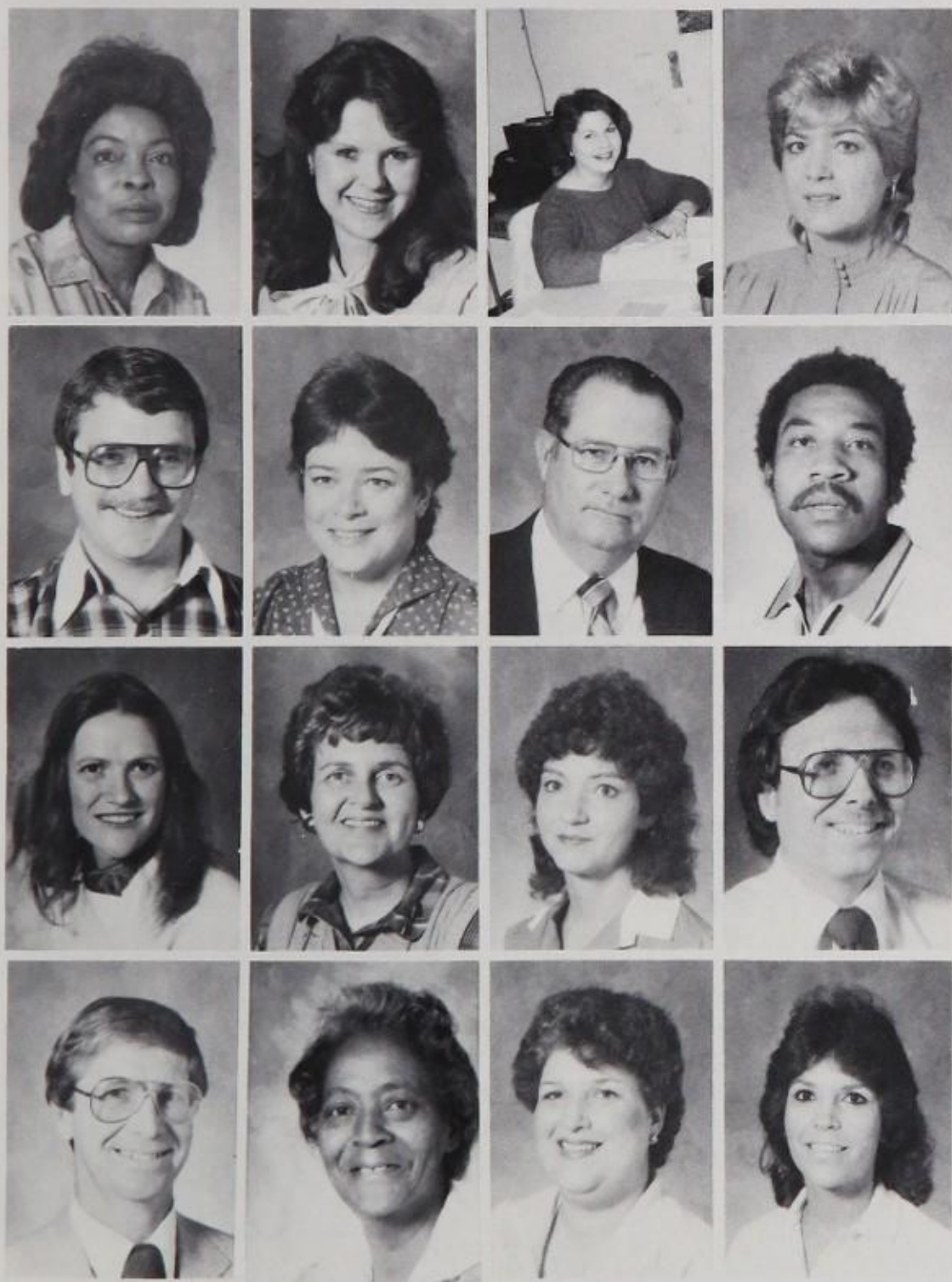
Betty Kerzee Nurse. Hillcrest Hospital Nursing School, Navarro, MCC. Hobbies: crocheting, sewing, yardwork.

William Kerzee Physical Science, Indep. Study Math/Science, UIL Math/Science Team. BS: A & M.





Homemaking teacher Velma Ransom whips up another "yummy" concoction.



Ethel King Educational Diagnostician, Early Childhood Supervisor. BA, MA, MEd: TSU, Prairie View, UT, ETSU. Hobbies: music, arts and crafts, bridge.

Sandra Konczak 8th Math, Number Sense, Mexia Adventure Club. BS, MS: Midwestern State, A & M, SFA. Hobbies: canoeing, backpacking, interior design, archery, "quest for adventure".

Amy Kruse VOE Coop, Business Data Entry, OEA. BS: SWTSU.

Ginger Kott Typing, Shorthand, National Honor Society, UIL Typing, Shorthand. BS, MEd: SFA, Tarleton State.

Terry Liles Choir, 8th Band. B of Music: Texas Wesleyan. Hobbies: composing, arranging music, tennis, camping.

Carol Lockey FOM, Intro Algebra. BA: Univ. of Illinois. Hobbies: cutting horses.

Benny Lucas Principal. BS, MEd: Abilene Christian, TT. Hobbies: hunting, fishing, hiking, mountains, peaches, tomatoes.

B.J. Mathews LA, World History, Art. BS: Jarvis Christian College, SHSU. Hobbies: commercial art, music.

Margaret McLain Art, Annual Staff. BA, MA: A & M, IIT Chicago, LSUNO, U of Michigan, UNO. Hobbies: jogging, gardening, crafts, horses, snow-skiing.

Gwendolyn McCord 8th English, OI. BS, MEd: Oklahoma College, Virginia U. Hobbies: swimming, reading.

Debbie Miller Psychological Testing. BS, MEd: NTSU, SHSU. Hobbies: golf, cooking.

Greg Miller 8th Band. B. of Music, M. of Music: TCU. Hobbies: computers, hunting, fishing.

Arthur Nutt HS Band. B. of Music: Texas Wesleyan. Hobbies: fishing, water skiing, photography.

Helen Mitchell Custodian.

Pat Pilkington Drivers Education, General Business, Cheerleading, JV Cheerleader sponsor. BS: Baylor, Navarro, SWTSU.

Kathi Pillans VAC, VAC Cooperative Training. BS, MS: SHSU, ETSU. Hobbies: swimming, riding, working toward PhD.

Edwin E. Plummer, Sr. Alg., Adv. Math, Geometry, Physics, BA: Baylor, Hobbies: farming, hunting, fishing, collecting Indian artifacts.

Wayne Poe Business Manager.

Katherine Polk OCS Supervisor, Prairie View A & M. Hobbies: reading, cooking.

Velma Ransom Homemaking, FHA. BA, GS, MS: Prairie View A & M. Hobbies: sewing, reading, traveling, arts, crafts, music.

Debbie Rash Spanish 1,2, 8th English, ESL, Spanish Club. AA, BA: Navarro, SHSU. Hobbies: yardwork, reading, water sports, snow skiing.

June Robinson 8th Choir. B. of Music Educ: NTSU. Hobbies: piano, flute, singing.

Mary Russell World History, Debate. BA: SHSU.

Ann Sandefer Cafeteria.

Roxianne Schuster English 4, Recordkeeping, Drama, Accounting, UIL Co-ordinator, Ramah Campbell Theatre Arts Society. BBA: SHSU. Hobbies: reading, sewing.

Brenda Shields Special Education. BAT: Navarro, SHSU. Hobbies: hunting.

Rudolph Smith Custodian, Head

Jan Stevens Algebra. BSE: Abilene Christian.

W.N. Stone Vice Principal. BS, MA: Abilene Christian, SHSU. Hobbies: peaches.

Kay Wallace Language Arts 1,2,3. BA: Baylor. Hobbies: camping, drawing, fishing.

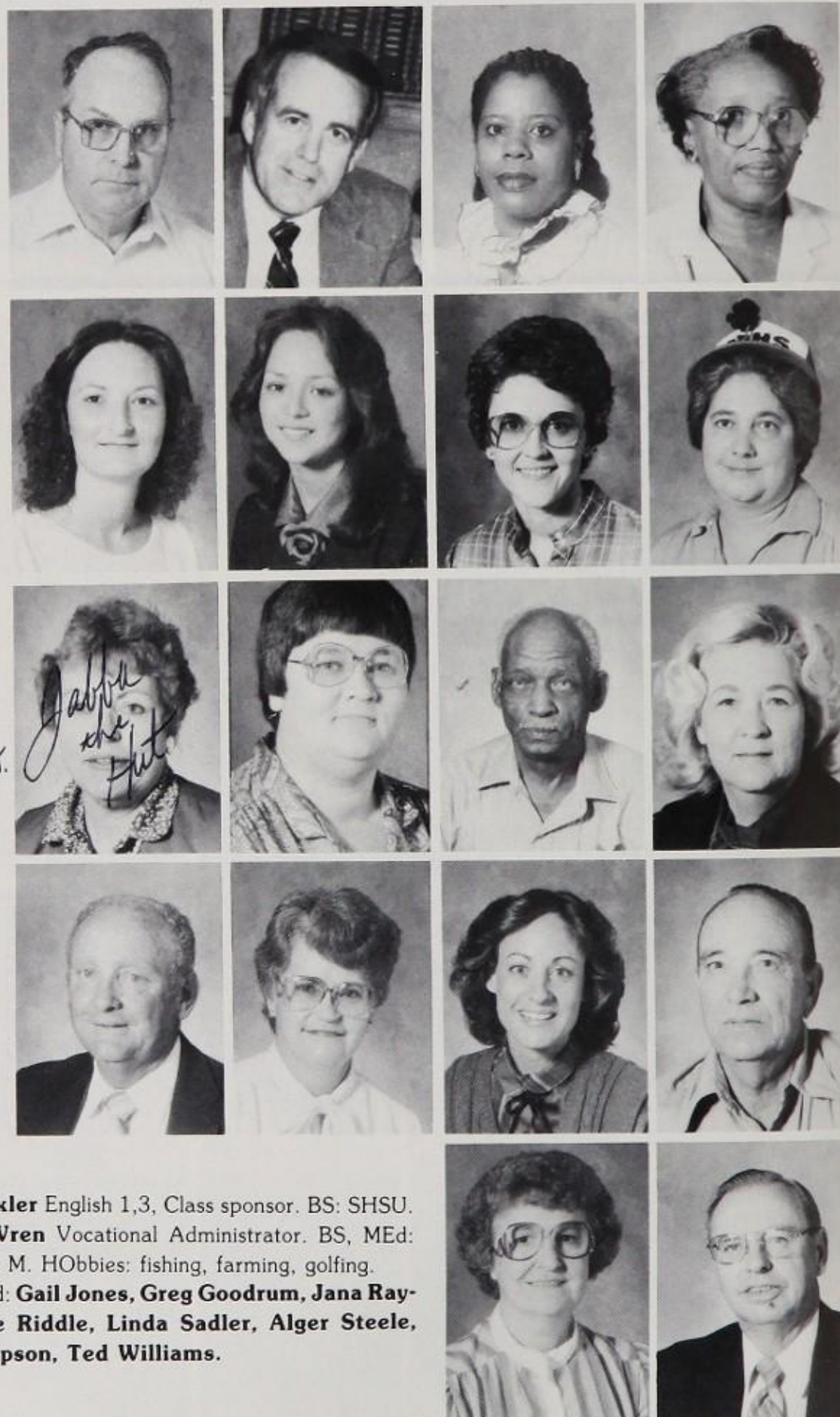
Judy Wilkins Earth Science, Varsity Cheerleader Sponsor, Science Fair. BS: SHSU.

J.W. Wilson Building Trades, VICA. Texas A & M. Hobbies: trying to teach students what I know.

Sudie Winkler English 1,3, Class sponsor. BS: SHSU.

Kenneth Wren Vocational Administrator. BS, MEd: SHSU, A & M. Hobbies: fishing, farming, golfing.

Not pictured: **Gail Jones, Greg Goodrum, Jana Raymond, Sue Riddle, Linda Sadler, Alger Steele, Jeff Thompson, Ted Williams.**





Clubs



Two-year members Joanna Hill, Mitzi Fountain, Randal Levingston, Wendy Foley, Lori Elick, and Monette Stone repeat the NHS Pledge at the induction ceremony.



NHS inducts new members.

The William Wallace Mason Jr. Chapter of the National Honor Society held its induction ceremony on February 7, 1985.

Shelli Smith, student council vice-president opened the ceremony with the pledge of allegiance. Anna Schuster, NHS president, welcomed the students and invited guests to the induction ceremony of new members. She also introduced the officers and two-year members. Each officer gave a brief speech on the four qualities that new members must possess. VP Monette Stone described scholarship as the commitment to learning. Sec. Lori Elick described service as the willingness to work without monetary compensation. Treas. Wendy Foley spoke on leadership promoting a positive attitude on the school. Rep. Randal Levingston spoke on how character is the force in one man that distinguishes him from others.

The new members repeated the pledge inducting them into the National Honor Society and received their certificates and cards of membership from Principal Lucas.

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the cafeteria for members and invited guests.



Members of NHS: Shelli Smith, Sherry Hughes, Karen Jones, Ann Wilson, Mary Alice Danner, Shelly Cooper. 2nd row: Donnette Loden, Sherrill Glenn, Mary Teel, Jenny Allen, Angie Martin, Rhonda McDade, Leslie Rasco, Shanna Wilkins. 3rd row: Tamra Nelson, Joanna Hill, Mitzi Fountain, Anna Schuster, Wendy Foley, Lori Elick, Monette Stone. Back row: Scott Samford, Mike Miller, Theron Thomas, Joe Lucas, Jim Bosley, Randal Levingston, Vince Palasota.



Officers are (seated) Treas. Wendy Foley, Pres. Anna Schuster, Sec. Lori Elick, (standing) VP Monette Stone, Rep. Randal Levingston.

New members recite pledge. Pictured are Shanna Wilkins, Theron Thomas, Jenny Allen, Jim Bosley, Shelly Cooper, Mary Alice Danner, Sherrill Glenn, Sherry Hughes, Karen Jones, Donnette Loden.



Two-year members (seated) are Anna Schuster, Monette Stone, Lori Elick, Wendy Foley, Randal Levingston, (standing) Mrs. Kott, advisor, Vince Palasota, Tamra Nelson, Joanna Hill, and Mitzi Fountain.

Brad Bennett casually walks to the front of the Spanish room at a regular monthly meeting.

Carolers win a smurf.



Spanish club officers: Sec Mary Teel, VP Karen Jones, Pres Theron Thomas, Treas Rhonda McDade, Hist-Rep Brad Bennett.

"El Jafe" called the meeting to order. "El Jafe"? Strange? No, but an indication of the kind of year the Spanish Club had. FUN!! After the first meeting of initiating new members and electing officers, the fun began.

The purpose of the Spanish Club was to promote the importance of a foreign language (Spanish) and to devote a higher degree of communication in our society today. Sound boring? Think again. How boring is Christmas caroling in Spanish **all** over town?

These students went to every conceivable place to "serenade". No one escaped their harmonies-houses, parties, churches, stores—they were again?!! One situation even led them into a "Dynasty" incident. But the whole idea, besides bringing joy, was a contest for caroling at the most places where they had to have a signature to verify their presence. The following students won prizes of Christmas smurfs: Lewis Turner, Chris Parks, Jeff Wright, Charles Hinchliff, and Jenny Allen.

Another "unboring" event that evening was a party with Sponsor Rash and her family. Ever heard of "how many people can we get in a Volkswagon or telephone booth"? What about a shower? Try twenty "Spanish clubbers". Sound boring?

"Regular" club meetings found the students eating and making up, in effect, their own language. "Tongue-twister" type words were recited and again fun was had by all.



Spanish Club members: Front: Brad Bennett, Theron Thomas, Eddie Vega. Middle: Alfred Moore, Lynda Danner, Marla Shamblin, Mary Alice Danner, Jana Hall, Rhonda McDade. Back Row: Michelda Johnson, Jill Merryman, Lewis

Turner, Joe Pat Clayton, Rick Terry, Tracy Hill, Kaye Reiter, Chris Parks, Shannon O'Brien, Susan Gibbs, Jeff Wright, Evonne Greer, Kerri Funderburk, Jackie Chatham, David Myers, Chris Jones, Karen Jones, Mary Teel, Jose Yeppe.



Strength, support, and Christian faith through athletics.

*Weekly meetings brought
fellowship.*

Fellowship of Christian Athletes was made up of individuals working together as a team offering each other strength, support, and Christian faith through Athletics.

FCA Members met weekly for fellowship and to share athletic experiences. The members enjoyed the common bond of sports and competing through the glory of Christianity.

The FCA Members and sponsors ran the concession stands at all basketball and baseball games as a fund-raising event for the group.

FCA Members and officers: Top: Delbert Kyle, Pres Jay Moore, Sec-Treas Anna Schuster, VP Jim Bosley, Mitzi Fountain, Jerry Current. 2nd Row: Bart Lowry, Tonja Conner. 3rd Row: Bret Lowry, Jeff Mandeville, LaNetra Livingston, Becky Sigrist, Shelli Smith, Kim Hamilton,

Shanna Wilkins, Chris Jones, Bottom Row: Rhonda Teel, Cherish Wilkins, Stephanie Smith, Dawn Cate, Stephanie Beene, Karen Jones. 1985 Sponsors: Coach Romi Ball and Coach Norman Cobb.

It's more than cooking and sewing.

Students who joined one of the four chapters of Future Homemakers of America, a multifaceted organization performing a myriad of functions in service of functions in service of the community and self-education, learned various aspects of homemaking besides cooking and sewing.

Besides learning all about food: how to cook it, buy it, and serve it, they learned about family relations and social behavior including child development, their nutrition, health and safety; all about housing for a family; and designing houses.

They performed charitable work at the state school, adopted grandmothers, and made Easter baskets for needy children. Off-campus service included making and delivering thanksgiving cakes to the nursing homes while on-campus luncheons were arranged for teachers.

They attended the State Fair of Texas in October and participated in the Limestone County Youth Show. Additionally, they took field trips to homes to observe the interior designs.

All in all, FHA students were a busy group learning the many aspects of home and family living.

Sherrill Glenn, HECE student, smiles for the camera as she works hard at the Dairy Queen.



Mrs. Casados' FHA. Seated: Vana Woodall, Lisa Vega, Debra Dancer. Middle Row: Alma Jones, Denise Carter. Standing: Shelia Gipson, Brenda Jones, Cheryl Beachum.



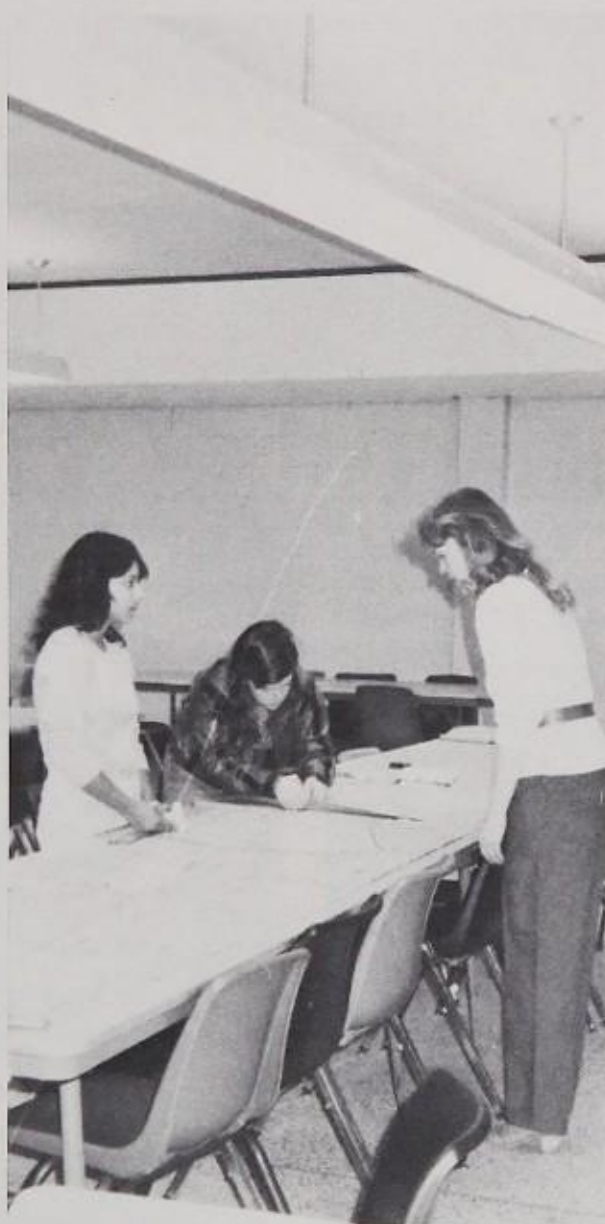
Mrs. Brubaker's FHA: Standing: Sandra Nolan, Michelle Dawkins, Alfred Moore, Shelli Springfield, Mary Jo Anderson, Jody Allen, Cindy Baker. Seated: Sonia Hogan, Roberta Haynes, Vikki Carroll, Labreta Pruitt, Sherrill Glenn, Rachel Bluit.

Sherrie Morgan, HE student, cuts out a pattern.



Mrs. Ransom's FHA chapter. Seated: Carla Sadler, Thelma Curry, Cynthia Wiley, Sherette High, Debra Carter. Middle Row: Susie Ross, Roxie Baker, Lavonda High, Cherry Dancer, Darlene Winn, Eva Johnson, Betty Jones, Lori Thomas. Back Row: Elvis Echols, Lisa Thomas, Charles Estes, Stephanie Burks, Sharlene Winn, Valerie Taylor, Ktroy Brooks, Byron Porter. Not

pictured: Bridgette Adams, Sharon Carr, Debbie Carroll, Michelle Connor, Cindy Current, Thomas Dansby, Rhonda Davis, Toni Diaz, Bernard Eggins, Nathaniel Gamble, Patrick Henderson, Bill Latchaw, LaNetra Livingston, Elaine Matthews, Sheree Medlock, Sherry Owens, Shriley Ross, Monette Stone, Talisha Thomas, Laura Thomas, John Williams.



HE students: Lisa Vega and Vana Woodall are instructed on cutting out patterns by Mrs. Casados. In order to have room for all students, HE classes spread out in the cafeteria.



Mrs. Brubaker's FHA officers Hist. Lisa Clark, Sec. Sherill Glenn, and Pres Rachel Bluit planning activities for the year.



Mrs. Holt's FHA officers: Hist Annette Smith, Rep. Stephanie Sikes, Treas. Stephanie Williams, VP Teneal High. Advisor Holt Not pictured: Pres. Shina Jones, Sec. Joyce Forge.

FFA speaks out.

FFA is made up of students wanting to learn about agriculture. We asked what they like most about being in ag and here were a few answers we got. Christa Chrisner said, "The cooperation of others. Even though I am a girl, the jobs are equal work and no one will cut me down for at least trying." Kelly Bounds said, "The learning and raising of livestock and poultry is what I like most."

The Chapter participated in many activities including the County Livestock Show, the Houston Livestock Show, and they attended the state and area conventions. They also had a catfish farm in which they fed and raised catfish.

1. Ag 4 members: Mr. Dawley, Delbert Kyle, Joe Lucas, Vince Palasota, Jay Moore, & Mr. Goodrum.

2. Ag 1 & 2 members: standing: Michael Hill, Mark Berry, Chris Clemmons, Ken Buchanan, James Mullinex, Daniel Story, Vernon Thomas, Smitty Thomas, Jena Herring, Kelon Wilson, Kelly Bounds, Andy Wilson, Brian Bailey, Chris Curry, Derrick Ferguson.

3. Warren Matthews repairs an engine at Jackson Tractors.

4. Ag 3 & coop: standing: Todd Ward, Kyle Key, Warren Matthews, Chris Jones, Guy Owens, Allen Sandlin, Joe Day, Jack Ward, Ray Smith, Scott Samford, Billy Capers, Christa Chrisner, Angie Martin, Keith Tate,





5. Jack Ward climbs on a tractor while at his job at W Ranch.

Ken Buchanan, a sophomore member of FFA attended the San Antonio Fatstock Show and participated in the calf scramble. He caught one and won money to purchase a calf for next years show.

Annual Staff asked a few members for their opinion on the following questions:

Q. What do you think about the new laws making some students ineligible for many of the FFA activities?

A. Warren Matthews: "The laws are good in some ways, but the knowledge gained in the raising and showing a steer can't be replaced in three days of school."

Q. Do you plan on making a future in agriculture or majoring in it in college?

A. Billy Capers: "Yes, I plan to make farming my occupation. I will probably go into the **Peach** business."



6. FFA officers: Vice. Pres.—Jay Moore; Sent.—Warren Matthews; Sec.—Joe Lucas; Treas.—Angie Martin; Rep.—Christa Chrisner; Stu Adv.—Billy Capers; Pres.—Vince Palasota.

7. FFA Sweetheart—Tamra Nelson.

Building and Metal Trades were practical applications classes offered twice a day for three hours each. Students learned skills and techniques for use later in life and some for jobs they currently hold. The Annual Staff asked students various questions about their class.

Building trades students had the following to say.

Q. "What are you working on for a

project this year?"

A. "Building cabinets and shelves along with refurbishing a trailer."

The class was about evenly divided on using these skills in a career. Most of the class was upset about the new state laws.

Q. "Did the new state law affect your class this year?"

A. Daniel Winkler: "Yes. When we started this year, we had to do a lot

more paperwork than last year."

Two Building Trades students added the following comments:

Kenneth Quigley: "I have really enjoyed Building Trades these past two years. I think Mr. Wilson has taught me some things that will really help me in carpentry but he has also taught me things that will help me in life."

FFA officers attend training camp at A & M.

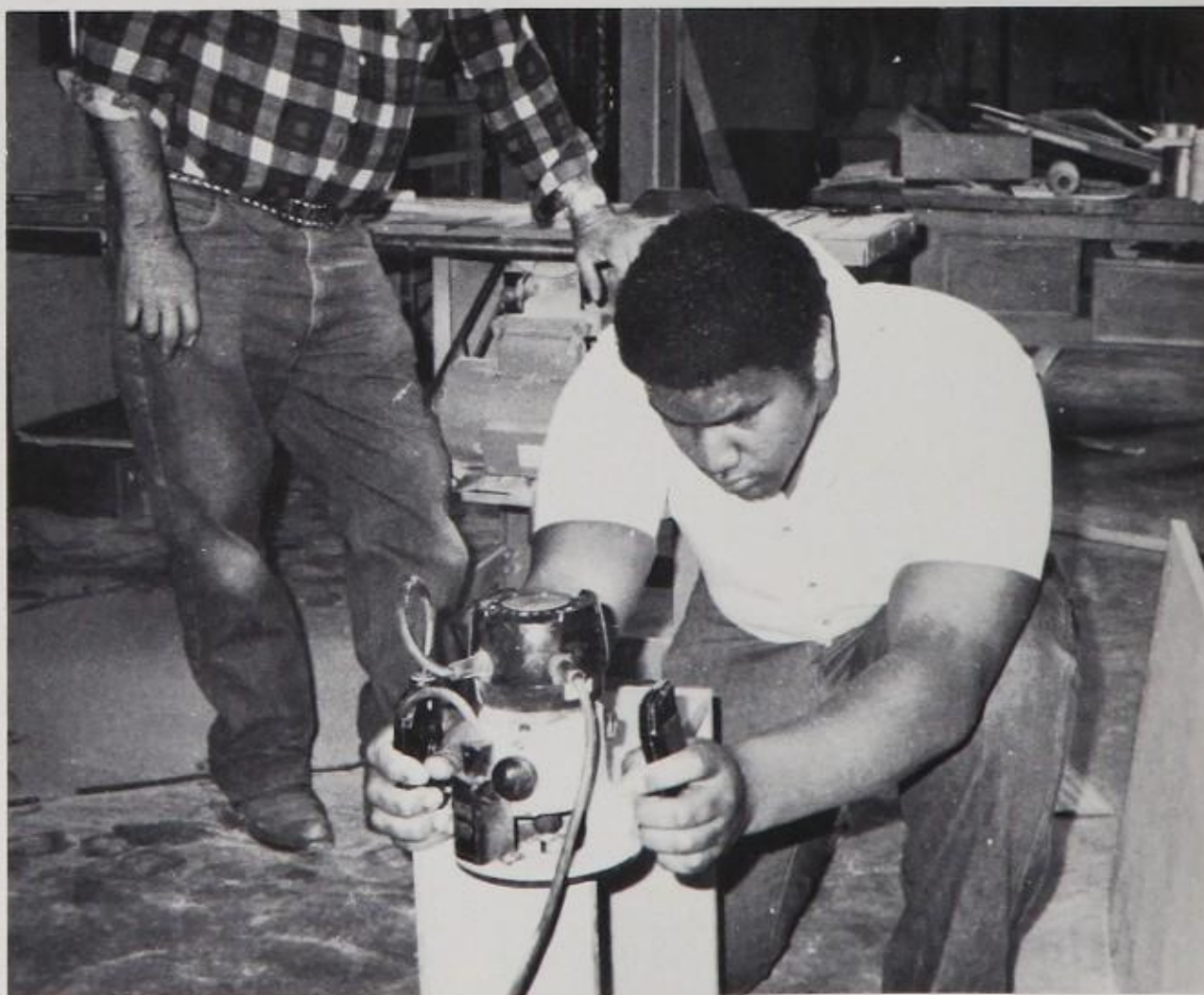


Berneadette Sandles: "I am the only girl in the class and have learned a lot of things I never knew how to do, such as fixing doors and making name boards. The one I should thank for teaching me these wonderful things is Mr. Wilson."

Most of the Metal Trade students agreed that it was not very difficult for them to learn the precautions and techniques required for this class. When asked what they thought they would accomplish by the end of the year some students commented:

James Mullinex—"I will learn about new machines and how to run them."

Larry Blocker—"It's a great job training course. You learn so many things that could help you when you get a job, or it could help you find a job with your new job skills."



Dickey Washington works with a router in Building Trades.

Classes teach skills.



Building Trades—Victor Milus, Dickey Washington, Leonard Jones, Kenneth Quigley, Lloyd Gillespie, and advisor: Mr. Wilson

DECA—Wesley Kuehn, Delbert Kyle, Steve Schronk, Scott Welch, Sue Lil Trantham, Mike Smith, Kim Guest, Carmen Boyd, Ann Wilson, Terry Owens, Ricky McMahon



Building Trades members: Kyle Key, Steve Hicks, Bryan Drake, Terry Beachum, Alvin High, James Mullinex, Terry Wilson, Charles Nemons, Delonia Williams, Larry Bloacker, Todd Caldwell, Cisco Recalde, Joco Baca, Donny Calvert, Barry Owens, Kevin Parker, Brett Bowden, and Travis Flood.

DECA officers: Pres Delbert Kyle, Sec Wesley Kuehn, Rep Steve Schronk, Hist Ann Wilson

Reps. Hold Elections

Student Council is Active

The 1985 Student Council was made up of representatives elected by the student body. They participated in many different activities during the school year.

For a week during the summer, a few of the members attended a summer workshop at SFA where they learned good ideas for fund raising projects; but more importantly, they learned how to be good leaders.

During the school year they handled the majority of the school elections. Among which, during Homecoming, they arrange the halftime ceremonies and a spirit march.

At Christmas they collected can goods and "toys for tots" for the needy children. They also had a Christmas party for the teachers

and decorated a Christmas tree to go in front of the building.

For Valentines Day they sold carnations, which comprised the main fund raising event of the year. Another fund raiser was the Annual Talent Show which has become an anticipated event for all who attended.

This year a mock election was held for the 1984 Presidential election. The results were Reagan with 66% of the votes and Mondale with 34%. Only 56% of the student body voted. These results were interesting since they closely mirrored the National trend.

To finish off the year they had a picnic and the new officers were elected at an assembly.



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1. Karen Jones and Jason Sanders check the secret teachers' list.
2. Jim Bosley, Jerry Current, and Jay Moore decorate the "Christmas tree."
3. JoAl Cannon listens to information about the Spirit March.
4. Joanna Hill strongly expresses her feelings as Tamra Nelson, Jim Bosley, Jay Moore, and Lisa Ledbetter look on.
5. You REALLY want us to do THAT?!



Officers: Rep. Jim Bosley, Parl. Vince Palasota, Hist. Jerry Current, Sec. Joanna Hill, Pres. Mitzi Fountain, V-Pres. Shelli Smith, Treas. Tamra Nelson, Sponsor Mrs. Hughes.

Tera Reed is in deep thought about what to get her secret teacher.

8th, Freshmen, and Sophomore Members: Stephanie Smith, Leslie Yeldell, Brandi Smith, Wendy Hamilton, Bart Lowry, Andrea Lain, Cherish Wilkins, Bret Lowry, Shannon O'Brien, Stephanie Beene, Carolyn Chambers, Sunday Crider, Tera Reed, Dawn Cate, Thure Cannon, Christie Helwig, Rhonda Teel, Jason Sanders, Kari Tribble.

Shelli Smith checks the roll at a meeting.



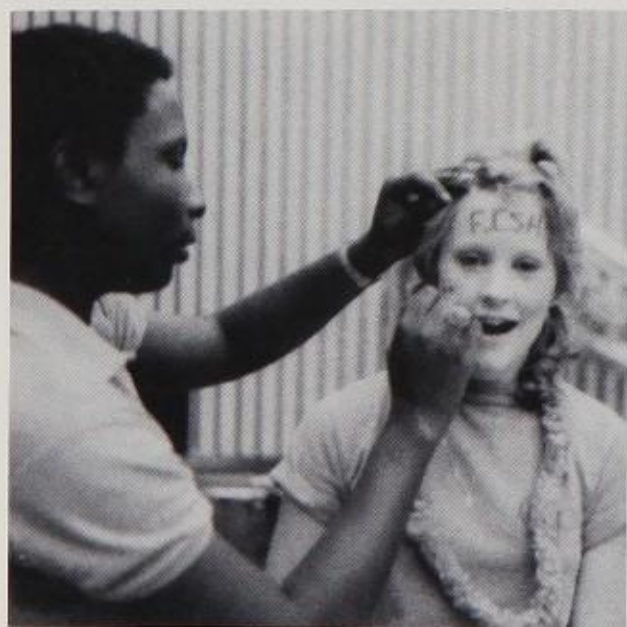
Junior and Senior Members: Shanna Wilkins, Mitzi Fountain, Jay Moore, Shelli Smith, Lisa Ledbetter, Tamra Nelson, Kim Hamilton, Vince Palasota, Jim Bosley, Jackie Chat-ham, Jerry Current, JoAl Cannon, Randal Levingston, Monette Stone, Karen Jones, Joanna Hill, Wendy Fo-ley, Valarie Taylor, Rhonda McDade.

Rhonda Smith says I veto that mo-tion.

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WIFE

Challenge of the 80's

The 1984 Blackcat Band was very challenging this year. During football season, they practiced day and night on the halftime shows and pep rallies. They also worked hard to prepare for marching contest, in which they received a first division. After marching season was over, the band practiced for the Christmas concert and worked on concert music and sightreading for contest. The band elected their sweetheart for the 1984-85 school year and the lucky girl was . . . JoAl Cannon. JoAl served as Historian of the band for the 1984-85 school year.

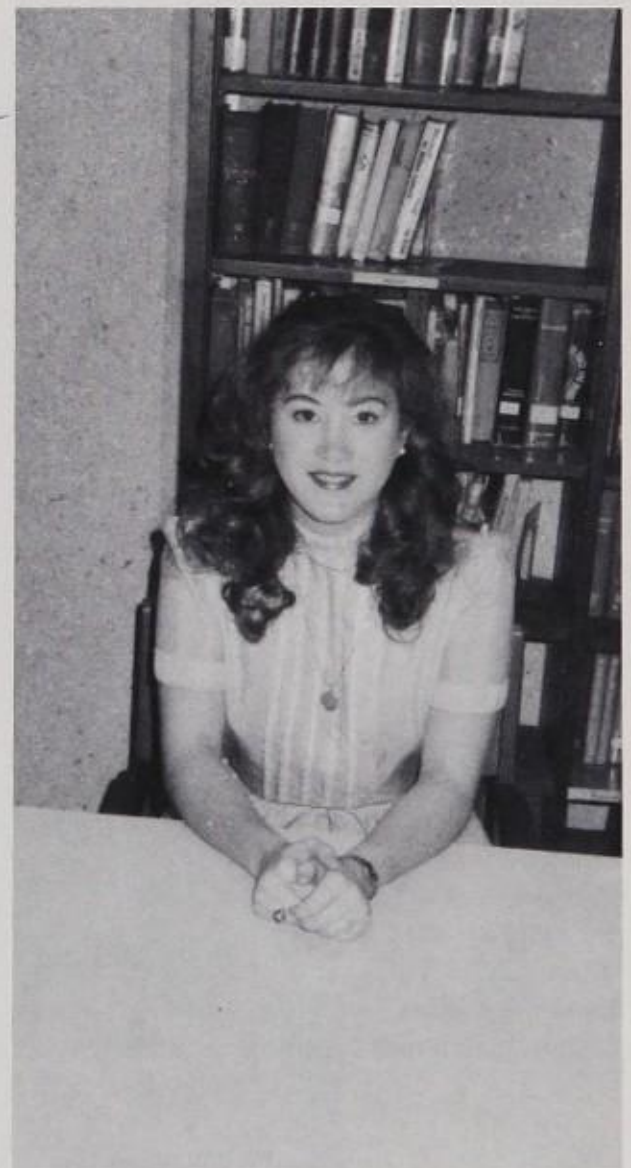


Janetta Capers, freshmen, shows a look of despair as senior Randal Levingston paints her face for initiation.



The band works very hard during summer rehearsals.

District Band



Members of the District Band are Mary Danner, Sherry Gilroy, Clay Hawkins, Donette Loden, Leslie Rasco, Curtis Smith, Monette Stone, and Ann Wilson. JoAl Cannon (pictured above) was elected Band Sweetheart for the 1984-85 year.

mike miller

Clarinets (Row 1) Leslie Yeldell, Lisa Wilkins, Lisa Moore, Sherry Brown, Simone Anderson, Tamatha Konczak, Jana Hall, Marla Shamblin, (Row 2) Shannon O'Brien, Dawn Cate, Jennifer Clark, Kaye Reiter, Janetta Capers, Susan Ross, (Row 3) Rhonda McDade, Anna Schuster, Shelli Smith, and Mary Danner.



Officers are (Back Row) JoAl Cannon, Historian, Tamra Nelson, Hist., Charles Hinchliffe, Uniform Lt., Monette Stone, Band Capt., Mitzi Fountain, Librarian, Lori Elick, Librarian, Stephanie Boyd, Loading Lt., Randal Livingston, Uniform Lt., and Mr. Spirit, (Front) Wendy Foley, Librarian, Michelle Lewis, Uniform Lt., JoAnna Hill, Social Lt. and Miss. Spirit, and Anna Schuster, Publicity Lt.



Percussion (Back Row) Chris Clemons, Bret Lowry, Kenneth Black, Chris Curry, and Rick Terry, (2nd) Nile Hawkins, Bobby Sterling, Porter Briggs, Kurt Letzring, and Keith Webb. (Front) Shelli VanWinkle, and Emily Bumpas.



Bassoons and Oboes (top to bottom) Tamra Nelson, Lucille Reiter, Christi Jackson, Linda Deberry, Dawn Vlier.

Are we
having fun?
yet?

Tubas Lt. to Rt. Willis Ratcliffe, Clay Hawkins, Craig Dawkins, Baritone, Lt. to Rt. Chris Parks, Fred Connor, Lisa Lewis, Bart Lowry, and Clint Flatt.



Trombones Lt. to Rt. Steve Roark, Cliff Leath, Brian Pokluda, Vince Keyes, Keith Cundeiff, George Johnson, Christi Helweg, Bryan Parsons, Brian Carter, Curtis Smith, Thomas Gafford, and Mike Miller (front).



Flutes (Back Row) Kim Villa, Sue Lil Trantham, Lisa Gregory, Missy Gore, Katrina Winn, Melissa Mathies, Andrea Lain, Stacy Young, (2nd) Stephanie Smith, Holly Holmes, Cherish Wilkins, Ann Wilson, Stephanie Jones, and Tammy Yelverton. (1st) Lori Elick, Sherrie Gilroy, JoAl Cannon, Wendy Foley. Bass Clar, and Contra (Back Row) Lt to Rt. Randal Livingston, Jill Merryman, Leanne Kennedy, Jena Herring (Front) Lori Sanderson, Sherry Hughes, Melissa Collins, and Stephanie Boyd.



To
Cook
Saxes (Back Row) Rex Woods, Lisa McAlister, Kerri Funderburk, David Hayes, Brad Burks, Joe Pat Clayton, Phillip Wilson, Charles Hinchliffe, (Front) Roderick Durham, Michelle Lewis, Rhonda Teel, JoAnna Hill. Cornets (Back Row) Scott Samford, Karen Jones, Barry Richardson, Willie Herring, Greg Myers, Bobby Darby, Chris Tidwell, Kelly Bounds (1st) Daniel Story, Elisa Kuehn, Robert Gillmore.

French Honrs (lt. to Rt.) Monette Stone, Leslie Rasco, Donette Loden, Andy Wilson, Michelda Johnson, Samatha Robinson, and Carolyn Chambers.

Robin Smith and Sunday Crider discuss the Christmas concert.

Linda Gafford rehearses her Christmas music.

Choir	Joyce Johnson
Anthony Asberry	Getty Jones
Lolita Busby	Mary Lambert
Sunday Crider	Otis Price
Salina Davis	Buenda Rivera
Darby Freeman	Brandi Smith
Jerry Fulton	Shelly Springfield
Dorothy Giddings	Debbie Sunday
Margaret Giddings	Vanessa Thomas
Chandra Gray	Aurora Velazquez
Regena Hall	James Webster
Anna Hardy	John Williams
Romonita Harris	Lisa Wright
Merrienne Hughes	Shelly Wright

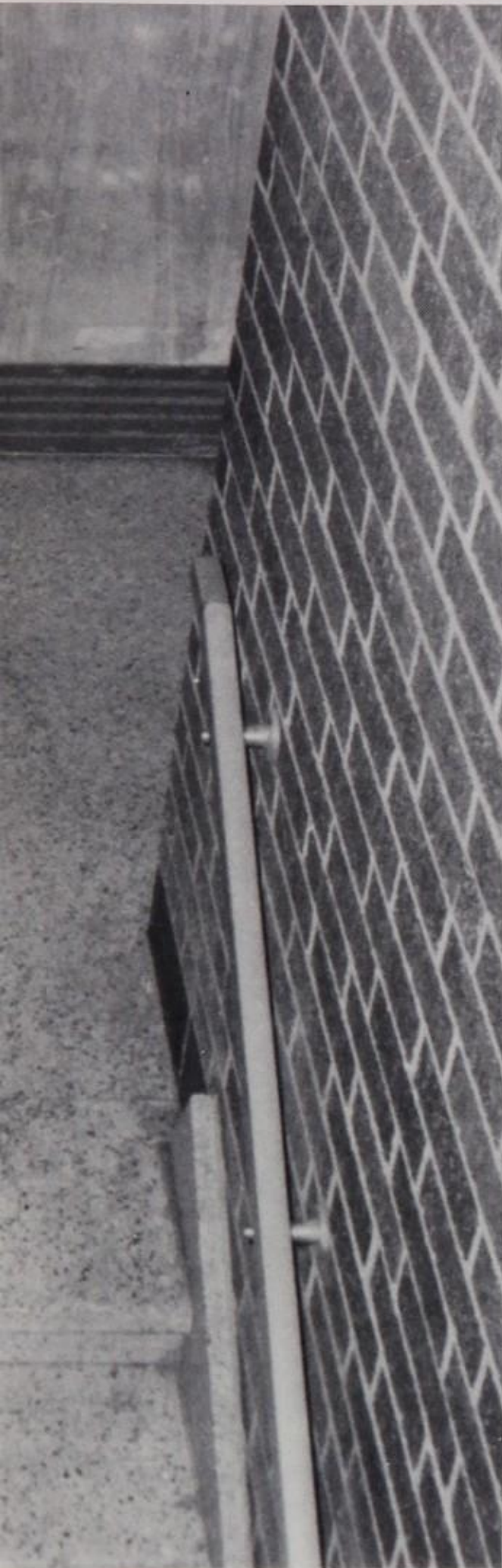


Bandmen and Choir perform for Mexia.

Twice as many 8th graders make District Band.

District Band try out for Middle School at Midway Middle School.

8th Grade bandmen on their way to the Christmas concert.



Wendi Hamilton, Michelle Cooksey, and Heather Williams get ready to tune their instruments.



Symphonic Band District Band
 Allen Gipson—tuba
 Linda Brown—Contra 1st chair
 Lisa Kott—1st chair alto Clarinet
 Vivan High—alto Clarinet
 Mark Merryman—1st Chair Bass Clarinet
 Melinda Wright—Clarinet
 Wendy Winfrey—French Horn
 Concert Band District Band
 Blaine Schulte—tuba
 Leigh Schuster—Clarinet
 Stacy Lanningham—flute

Band
 Christie Aquillard
 Dwayne Allen
 Melanie Barker
 Tracy Barkouskie
 Melinda Brown
 Alina Calame
 Thure Cannon
 Angelique Carroll
 Cheleon Clark
 Robert Clemons
 Nicole Cockrell
 Michelle Cooksey
 Shelly Copeland
 Bean Copeley
 Sunday Crider
 Chris Crowder
 Sherrie Duncan
 Darby Freeman
 Jerry Fulton
 Linda Gafford
 Alan Gibson
 Laura Gore

Chad Griffin
 Wendi Hamilton
 Anna Gardy
 Randy Hendrick
 Ski Hicks
 Vivian High
 Steven Hogan
 Merriane Hughes
 Michael Konczak
 Lisa Kott
 Stacy Lanningham
 Jason Leath
 Doylan Lee
 Ronald Lenamond
 Jason Little
 Lance Lucas
 Michelle Mathis
 Steven McNeel
 Dale Measels
 Mark Merryman
 Steven Mills
 Melinda Morris
 Clint Morton

Jackie Owens
 John Parnell
 Brandi Phillips
 Tina Phillips
 Lisa Pounder
 Tera Reed
 Putnam Reiter
 Richard Reyes
 Glen Roberts
 Jason Sanders
 Blain Schulte
 John Schuster
 Leigh Schuster
 Matthew Shoemake
 Robin Smith
 Jeremy Stephens
 Stacy Sterling
 Kip Stuver
 Debbie Sunday
 Shawn Tucker
 Dena Tyner
 Kevin Vest
 Jim Ward

Desmond Washington
 Due West
 Sharon Whithington
 Heather Williams
 Wendi Winfrey
 Susan Winkler
 Melanie Wright
 Shelley Wright

Varsity Cheerleaders performing another famous pyramid.

Senior Mitzi Fountain.



Junior Lisa Ledbetter.

*V. Cheerleaders
nominated
for NCA
Award of
Excellence.*



Junior Shara Taylor.

Junior La Netra Levingston

Only 3A school nominated among
5A's.



Head Cheerleader Senior JoAl Cannon.

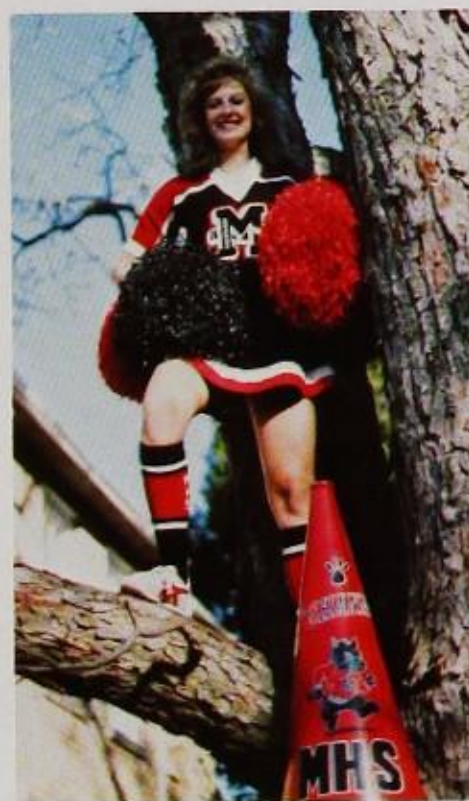
La Netra Levingston in deep thought at the "Wal Mart" pep rally as one of the Ghost busters.



Junior Becky Sigrist.



Junior Tonja Conner.



Junior Shanna Wilkins.



The Varsity Cheerleaders were nominated for the NCA Award of Excellence at summer camp. They were the only 3A squad nominated. The other schools nominated were all 5A. This was a 1st for the Mexia Cheerleaders.

The Varsity and JV Cheerleaders attended camp at Texas Lutheran College where both squads won blue ribbons everyday except one, when they got a red ribbon. Both squads won the spirit stick two of the three times it was given. The Varsity and JV won the spir-

it stick the last day and got to bring it home.

The Cheerleaders worked hard most of the summer planning pep rallies, painting signs, and learning cheers, chants, pon pom routines along with pyramids and other stunts.

The Varsity Cheerleaders backed the Blackcats through a very exciting football season in which they almost won district. They also cheered for Boys' and Girls' Varsity Basketball and Girls' home Volleyball games.

Another major activity was to work with the Booster Club and make the decorations for the Football Banquet.

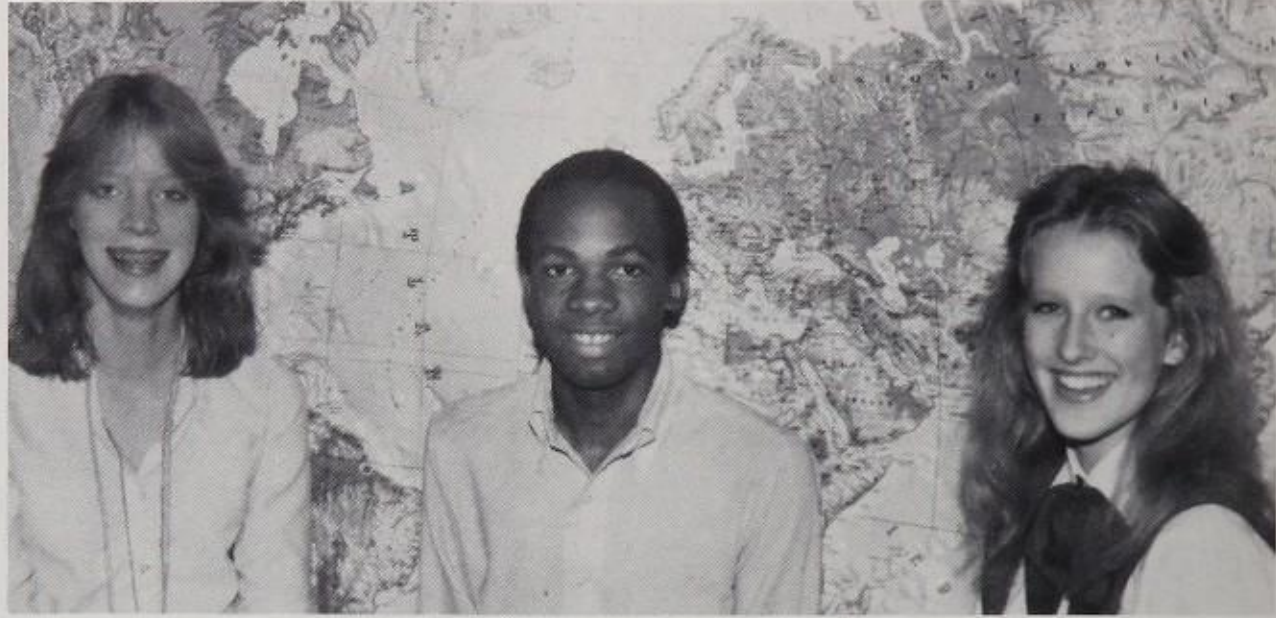
The Varsity and JV squads attended the NCA Regional Cheerleading Competition in Conroe. They both received red 2nd place ribbons. They were disappointed, they had hoped for a first place and a chance to go to the National Competition. This was their first time to attend regionals and no other 3A schools attended, so they had to compete with 4A and 5A schools.

Officers: Vice Pres. Sunday Crider, President Curtis Smith, Secretary Brandi Smith.

Historians search for facts.

Back: Tamatha Konczak, Brandi Smith, Kurt Letzring, Curtis Smith, Joe Pat Clayton, Michael Kerzee.

Front: Sunday Crider, Mary Ann Hughes, Darrell Jones, Shelly Springfield, Michael Hill.



The Mexia High School Inquiry Club, affiliated with the Texas State Historical Association, tried to meet once a month to work on one of their three main projects. These projects were major undertakings for such a small group. The first of which was the collection of history of the oil boom days.

The second project involves collecting material of the football history of Mexia from 1919 to the present. This undertaking involves collecting scores and rosters and was accomplished by interviews.

The third project involved Mexia's "twin town", Kadana, Australia. The members had hoped to be pen pals with Australians. We sent all our information to them but as of yet have received no response. The reason being that Australian schools are now enjoying their vacation.

The Inquiry Club, like so many across the state, have had their problems this year as a result of the new state rules. Sponsor Crider was even quoted in the State magazine, **The Road Runner** as saying: "Is there life after House Bill 72.?"



Editor Darrell Jones and Bus. Mgr. Shelly Springfield.

Thesbians struggle.

Anna Schuster and Mitzi Fountain.



Curtis Smith, Michael Kerzee, Jannetta Capers, Eddie Vega caroling to Mike Miller.



New state rules limit number of productions.

Curtis Smith, JoAl Cannon, Jannetta Capers.



Before Christmas caroling, Theater Arts members take time to have their pictures made.

Back: Cynthia Sewell, Rhonda Teel, Barry Richardson, Mitzi Fountain, Ramon Milano, Michael Kerzee, Charles Hinchliffe, Shelly Springfield, Darrell Jones, Jamie Beldin, Jose Yeppes. Front: Joanna Hill, Anna Schuster, Curtis Smith, JoAl Cannon, Jannetta Capers, Eddie Vega, Chris Parks, Jeff Wright.

Monette Stone, Joanna Hill, Cynthia Sewell, Rhonda Teel.

*Officers and
members perform.*

Due to the new state regulations, there were fewer productions put on by the Theater Arts Society. The regulations put a halt to school plays being presented during the school day; hence, fewer students were given the opportunity to see some fine productions by the school that went to state contest in 1984.

The Drama Class worked on poetry, prose, vocabulary, and the history of the theater and acting. They continued work on improvisations and interpretations also. Sherry Owens enjoyed scary stories told in the dark auditorium with only one candle burning to light the room. When they assembled on the stage in a graveyard arrangement, they worked on a mini-production of the "Spoon River Anthology".

Asked about careers in drama after graduation brought these responses. JoAl Cannon: "I'd like to do some community club acting but nothing such as pursuing a career." Darrell Jones said he was still undecided about a theatrical career. Lisa Wright . . . "found drama very interesting, fulfilling, relaxing and satisfying. She hoped to pursue her interest as a career." Most of the other students just enjoyed the class but didn't feel really prepared for a dramatic career.

The members also painted unit pieces in Nov. and caroled in Dec. In Jan, they worked on duet acting and went to Baylor for a dance production. Costumes for UIL were assembled and prepared in Feb. for the April OAP. In May they had morning devotions.

All in all with limits imposed by "H. Ross Perot and Company", the Ramah Campbell Theater Arts Society was still active and vital. Congratulations.



Ramon Milano, Joanna Hill,
Anna Schuster, Eddie Vega,
John Paul Schuster, Curtis
Smith, JoAl Cannon, and
Charles Hinchliffe at the
Christmas Party.



J. Varsity members Carolyn Chambers,
Cherish Wilkins, Niki Norton, Stephanie Smith,
Dawn Cates, Stephanie Beene.

Junior Varsity competes.

*Cheerleaders
attend camp.*



Spirit Stick Winners
Game—Class
Alvarado—Freshmen
Midway—8th
West—Seniors
Connally—Sophomores
Westwood—Juniors
Madisonville—Football Team
Crockett—Band

Cheerleader Sponsored Pep Rally Days
Football Opponent—Theme—Dress
LaVega—"Beach the Pirates"—beach
Alvarado—"Blackcats on the Warpath"—
western
Midway—"Punch the Preps"—prep
West—"Whip West"—hillbilly
Connally—"Combat Connally"—army
Westwood—"Panther Hunt"—safari
Madisonville—"Breakin' the Mustangs"—
break dance
Crockett—"Spirit Day"—Halloween

JV at Walmart pep rally

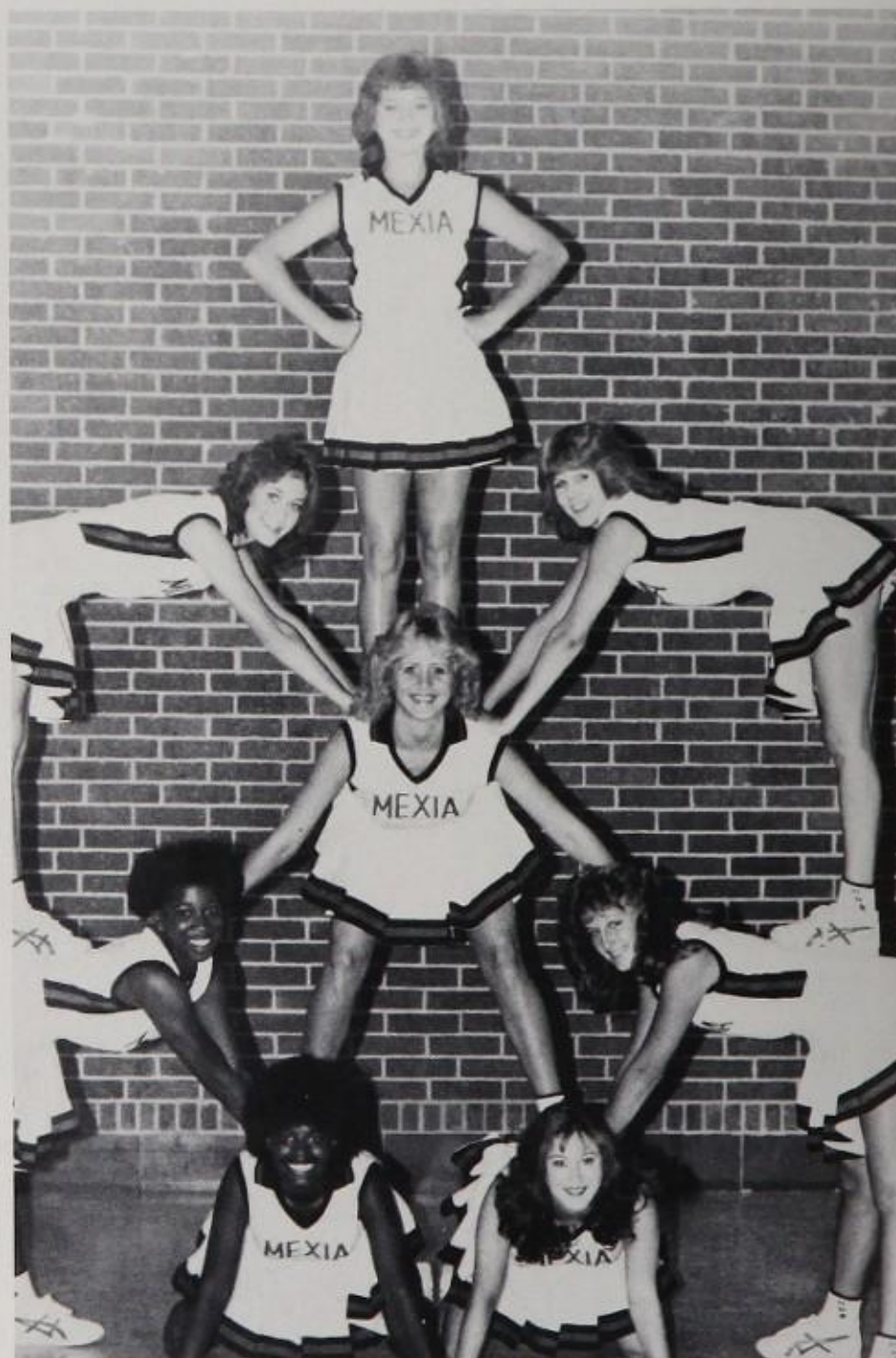
Groesbeck—"Goat Funeral"—black
Fairfield—"Homecoming"

*Involvement gives a
feeling of excitement
to these teams.*

#1 performed by Varsity Cheerleaders: JoAl Cannon, Mitzi Fountain, La Netra Levingston, Tonja Connor, Becky Sigrist, Shanna Wilkins, and Lisa Ledbetter.



Varsity and JV Cheerleaders stretching during a summer practice.



Mexia JV and Varsity Cheerleaders celebrate Becky's birthday.

Varsity Cheerleaders building a pyramid for a **Mexia Daily News** photo.

Cheerleaders and twirlers sparked excitement for the audiences sitting in the stands. These girls spent hours working up routines and perfecting them for the enjoyment of the fans and players every week during the football sessions not to mention the other sports and events they attended.

Some comments from the cheerleaders follow. All were "honored to be cheerleaders". Becky commented:

"cheerleading had its ups and downs. It takes a lot of hard work and determination . . . but it's worth everything for you also get a lot out of it." Shanna said . . . "there were times when I wished I could be doing other things, but I'd never want to change all the memories and good times we had." Mitzi said . . . "it made me feel good when we, as a group, got an audience to cheer. Cheering gave me a special feeling of

excitement that I didn't feel just sitting in the stands.

La Netra wished . . . "everyone could experience the thrill of being a cheerleader. I felt lucky to have had the experience and . . . wouldn't trade it for anything.

All of these girls were devoted students of MHS to put in so much time for the pleasure of others.



Memories and good times.

1984-85 Twirlers: Anna Schuster, Tamra Nelson, Linda Dewberry, Rhonda McDade, Rhonda Teel and Lisa Gregory posing for a **Mexia Daily News** photo.

Editor Kathy Hitt pulls the Annual Staff through another deadline at color photo session.

Cameras

cans meet deadlines.

So you thought you wanted to be on the Yearbook Staff? Do late and early hours taking pictures, finishing layouts, writing copy, developing pictures, selling ads, crushing aluminum cans sound appealing? These were just a few of the many jobs endeavored by an annual staff member. After hours of brainstorming, the theme chosen for the '85 annual was "a slice of life" at MHS. The staff tried to capture as much of this school year so all of you would remember 1985 as a small "slice of your life".



1985 Staff Car courtesy Smith Pasture.



Posed shot of the staff minus advisor McLain. Asst. Ed. Randal Levingston, Editor & Head Photo. Kathy Hitt, Asst. Photo. Lisa McAlister, Layout Ed. Sherrie Gilroy, Art Ed. Tandra Kennedy, Asst. Layout Ed. Tammie Morris, Asst. Photo Melissa Collins, Business Mgr. Rhonda Smith, Copy Ed. Shelli Smith.



"Artsy" shot of staff.



Melissa, Shelli, Kathy and Sherrie identify mug shots of 8th to 11th graders. Rhonda and Tandra decide which ads still need to be sold.

Lisa, Melissa, Tandra, Randal and Shelli eat the props used on the photo session for the "Division Pages."

New student Arlene Powe purchases her 1985 Blackcat from Melissa, Lisa, and Kathy.



Kathy and Shelli deciding what thought provoking question to ask the seniors.

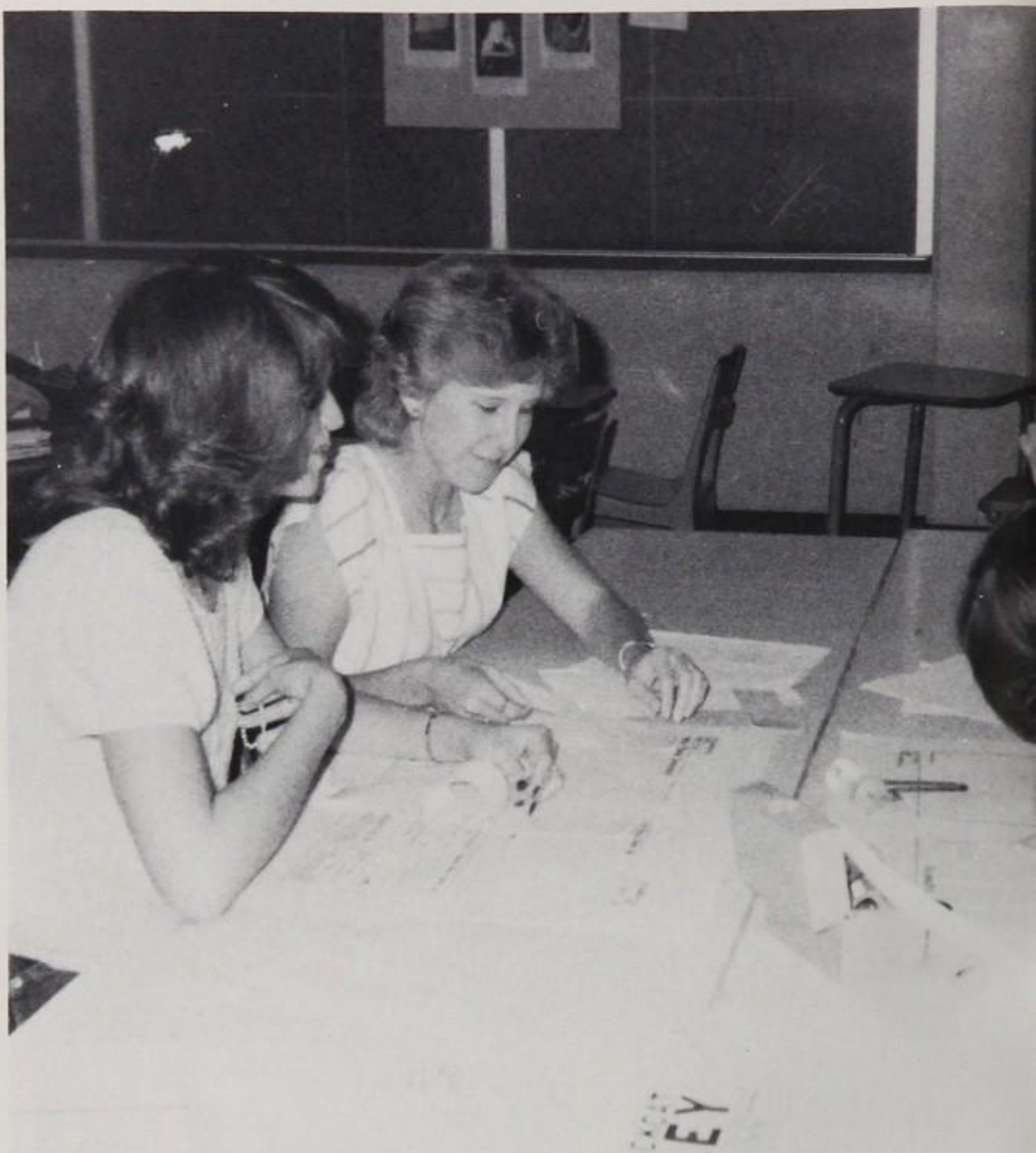


Tammie, Kathy and Mrs. McLain learning new ideas at the summer Herff Jones workshop in Waco held by Karen Barlow.

UBA presses forward.

Up Blackcat Alley, an organization made up of seven members, published the school newspaper every three weeks. They wrote their own stories and designed the accompanying lay-outs. They also took their own pictures. By this method, they learned the process by which a newspaper was published. They had to meet deadlines just as a city newspaper does. The paper they put out was based on current events of the students, teachers, and various other school activities. Opinions expressed in this newspaper are those of the writers of the articles and are not necessarily those of Mexia High School, its administration or the Mexia Board of Trustees.

Rhonda McDade, Karen Jones, Chip Winfrey, and Becky Sigrist fit copy for one of the newspapers.



Karen Jones helps lay out a paper.

Stephanie Boyd, editor, discusses a layout with Becky Sigrist and Mary Teel.





Members of this organization were, editor, Stephanie Boyd; copy editor, Mary Teel; sports editor, Becky Sigrist; photographers, Chip Winfrey and Michael Kerzee; business managers, Karen Jones and Rhonda McDade. All of these members served as reporters with Mrs. Riddle as their sponsor. "This class was very outstanding in its ability to put out such a fine school paper for such a small school." Becky Sigrist, Junior.



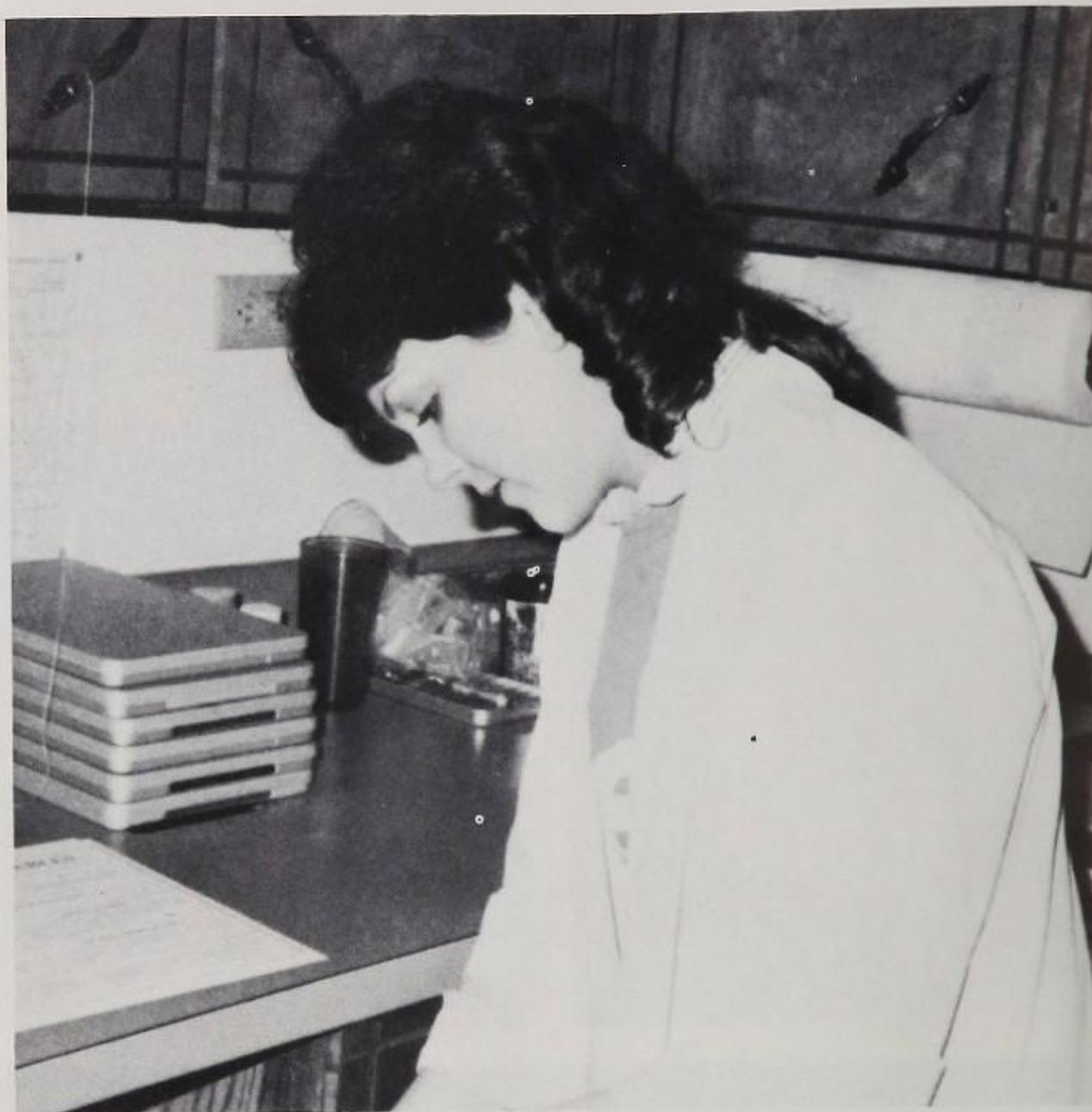
Chip Winfrey, Becky Sigrist, Mary Teel, and Stephanie Boyd work efficiently on the school paper.

Becky Sigrist asks, "Is this where the **headline** goes?"

Santa sends students to Six Flags.

Cheryl McNeil cleaning utensils at McSpadden, Tyner and Collins dental office.

Tammye Haynes typing in VOE class. VOE Coop students study office procedures which relate to their duties on the job.



OEA Students

Front: Trea Tracy Miller, Sec Kathy Hitt, VP Valerie Taylor. Back: Monette Stone, Rep Robin Emmert, Parl Lori Huff, Pres Susan Condon, Tammye Haynes, Carla Sadler, Annette Smith.



Business Data Entry class busy typing. BDE students also learn the use of 10-Key Adding Machines, Electronic Calculators, and the Apple IIe micro-computer.

OEA members were enrolled in VOE Coop or Business Data Entry classes and met once a month to plan activities for the year. Officers attended the OEA Leadership Conference in San Marcos in October.

As fund raisers the following activi-

ties were held. At Thanksgiving, a bake sale was held. During Christmas an extremely successful fund raiser comprised selling Nestles chocolate Santa Clauses. The sales totaled 11 cases. Finally the sale of 54 Senior T-shirts which senior members designed them-

selves capped off the sales year.

Recreationally, the December meeting was held at the Pizza Hut for a buffet celebrating Christmas. Members went to Six Flags in April for a fun-filled day using the money raised during the year.



Sports



HR72 puts a *kink* in participation.

Sports was an integral part of MHS. Each season saw students participating in some sport from football in the fall through basketball and volleyball in the winter to baseball, tennis, golf, and track in the spring.

The new kink in participation for 1985 was House Bill 72.

Senior Quarterback Delonia Williams going out for a pass with the defense literally on his heels.

The State Board of Education by rule shall limit participation in and practice for extracurricular activities during the school day and the school week . . .

A student . . . enrolled in a school district in this state shall be suspended from participation in any extra-

The defensive team watching and waiting to get on the field; hoping they'll come on after a touchdown.

curricular activity sponsored or sanctioned by the school district during the grade reporting period after a grade reporting period in which the student received a grade lower than the equivalent of 70 on a scale of 100 in any academic class. "Chapter 21 Education Code"

Enough said . . . so the athletes proceeded with their events to the best of their ability.



"Team effort pulls the members of the team together so they work as a unit, which is very important to every team."

—Jay Moore, Senior.



Varsity Football. Bottom: Delonia Williams, Thomas Dansby, Vince Palasota, Kenneth Quigley, Willie Cooper, Verdell McDaniel, Fred Hutchison, Stanley Hobbs. Middle: Mgr. Kiley Cobb, Joe Lucas, Jay Moore, Greg Nemons, Jerry Current, Dickey Washington, Jim Bosley, Tim Danner, Mgr. Rob Bowling. Top: Byron Porter, Scott Welch, Brett McGowan, Kevin Parker, Jesse Keeling, Leslie Brooks, Jesse Butler, Delbert Kyle. Coaches: Head Norman Cobb, Ted Williams, Bob Bowling, Chuck Caskey.

Varsity Football

Mexia/Opponent		
La Vega	8	6
Alvarado	29	21
Midway	26	2
West	14	29
Connally	27	7
Westwood	43	6
Madisonville	7	14
Crockett	7	7
Groesbeck	13	0
Fairfield	22	9

7 wins, 2 losses, 1 tie

Brett McGowan, Kevin Parker and Jerry Roberts try to stop the West Trojans' powerful drive.



JV Football

Mexia/Opponent		
La Vega	22	2
Alvarado	6	0
Midway	7	27
West	6	14
Connally	15	14
Westwood	12	0
Madisonville	0	14
Crockett	6	8
Groesbeck	6	0
Fairfield	22	7
6 wins, 4 losses		



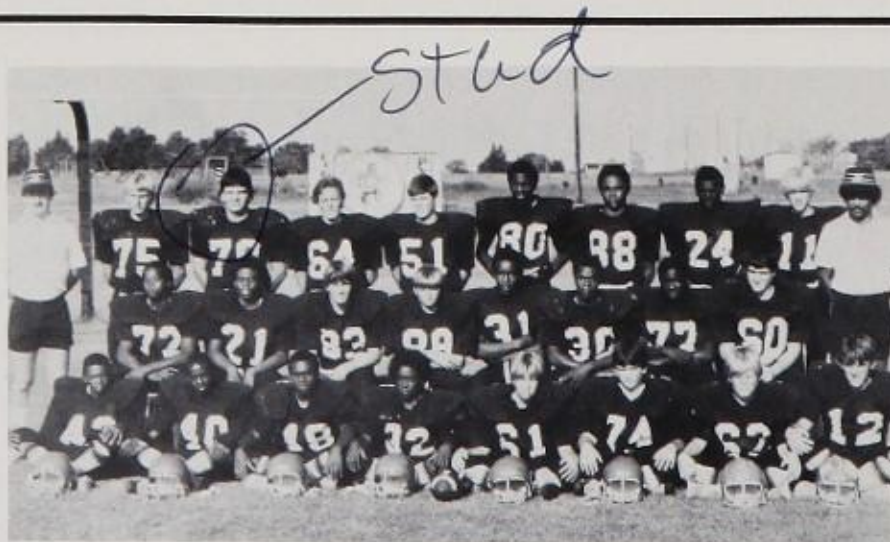
JV Football: Bottom: Victor Milus, Travoy Hollie, Larry Blocker, Paul Barksdale, Willis Ratcliff, Anthony Echols. 2nd Row: Jimmy Porter, Anthony Asberry, Charles Coleman, Ktroy Brooks, Robert Murphy, Charles Ethridge. 3rd Row: Coach Romi Ball, Robert Jones, Don Barfield, Pat Henderson, Steven Roark, Coach Childs. Top: Bart Lowry, Jeff Mandeville, Jerry Roberts, Bret Lowry, Jamie Neese, Chris Jennings.

"I'll never forget the Fairfield game."
—Pat Henderson, Sophomore.

Fred Hutchinson, Brett McGowan, and Willie Cooper work together to defeat Alvarado 29-21.



"I will remember the hard practices that paid off." Gary Echols, Fr.



Freshman Football:

Bottom: Craig Dawkins, Gary Echols, Roderick Durham, Kelon Wilson, Keith Cundieff, Ray Keefer, Lewis Turner, Robert Gilmore. Middle: Rodney Bluitt, John Jones, Kurt Letzring, Wayne Nichols, Fred Connor, Vernon Thomas, Vincent Rhodes, Tim Pickens. Top: Coach Riddle, Troy Sterlins, Willie Herring, Chris Curry, Chris Clemmons, Fred Henderson, Paul Willis, Roger Brooks, Rex Woods.

Freshman Football

Mexia/Opponent		
La Vega	12	6
Alvarado	6	18
Midway	20	0
West	7	20
Connally	16	9
Westwood	0	14
Madisonville	6	34
Crockett	6	8
Groesbeck	0	14
Fairfield	6	28

Wins, # Loses

Wins 3 Loses



Jesse Butler blocks an Eagle player while Delonie Williams stands by to help.

Listed below are some official individual results of the football season.

1st Team All-District-Offense

Fred Hutchinson—tailback

Kenneth Quigley—end

2nd Team All-District-Offense

Delbert Kyle—lineman

Jim Bosley—lineman

1st Team All-District-Defense

Stanley Hobbs—lineman

Fred Hutchinson—linebacker

Vince Palasota—secondary

Kenneth Quigley—secondary

2nd Team All-District-Defense

Willie Cooper—lineman

Brett McGowan—linebacker

Honorable Mention

Jay Moore

Jesse Keeling

Scott Welch

Jesse Butler

Varsity Basketball
Mexia/Opponent

Teague	74	72
Hillsboro	55	57
Hearne	42	40
Cedar Hill	50	55
West	43	28
Hubbard	55	31
Kerens	68	62
Calvert	59	56
West	44	36
LaVega	60	41
West	52	44
Axtell	53	50
Calvert	68	61
West	62	45
LaVega	53	50
Westwood	52	51
Crockett	63	66
Madisonville	62	75
Fairfield	40	55
Groesbeck	69	67
Westwood	65	59

16 Wins, 8



Varsity Basketball:

Front: Ktroy Brooks, Lloyd Gillespie, Leonard Jones, Greg Lonzie, Michael Perry. Back: Delonie Williams, Kenneth Quigley, Pat Henderson, Obie Arnold, Byron Porter, Mgr. Alfred Moore.

"I'll miss my teammates."
Leonard Jones, Sr.

Opinions.

Kenneth Quigley gets the jumb ball from a Fairfield Eagle Player.

What follows on the next several pages are various opinions the athletes had on selected subjects.

Q. What is your position and how does it contribute to the team?

A. Jerry Current: "I play left tackle on offense and defense. My contribution on offense is blocking. Without the blocks of the linemen, the team could not score. My contribution on defense consists of the tackles that I make and the holes I fill so that the offense cannot run through and score."

Both Mexia and Fairfield players jump for the ball as it heads for the hoop after Leonard Jones' send off.

Q. How did the team differ having a smaller number of players this year than in the years before?

A. Joe Lucas: "The fact that we had less players didn't affect us much.

The difference in our number of players last year and this year isn't very much. We had a great coach and we had good senior leadership."

Q. How did you feel about the 1984 football season. Are you going to miss playing when you graduate?

A. Vince Palasota, Senior: "The 1984 football season went about as well

Kenneth Quigley sends the ball to Byron Porter after a jump against a Fairfield Eagle.



"Teamwork = 99% of our wins." Charles Estes, Soph.



JV Basketball:
Front: Charles Coleman, Robert Jones Back: Thomas Dansby, Jesse Keeling, Charles Estes, Billy Williams.

JV Basketball Mexia/Opponent

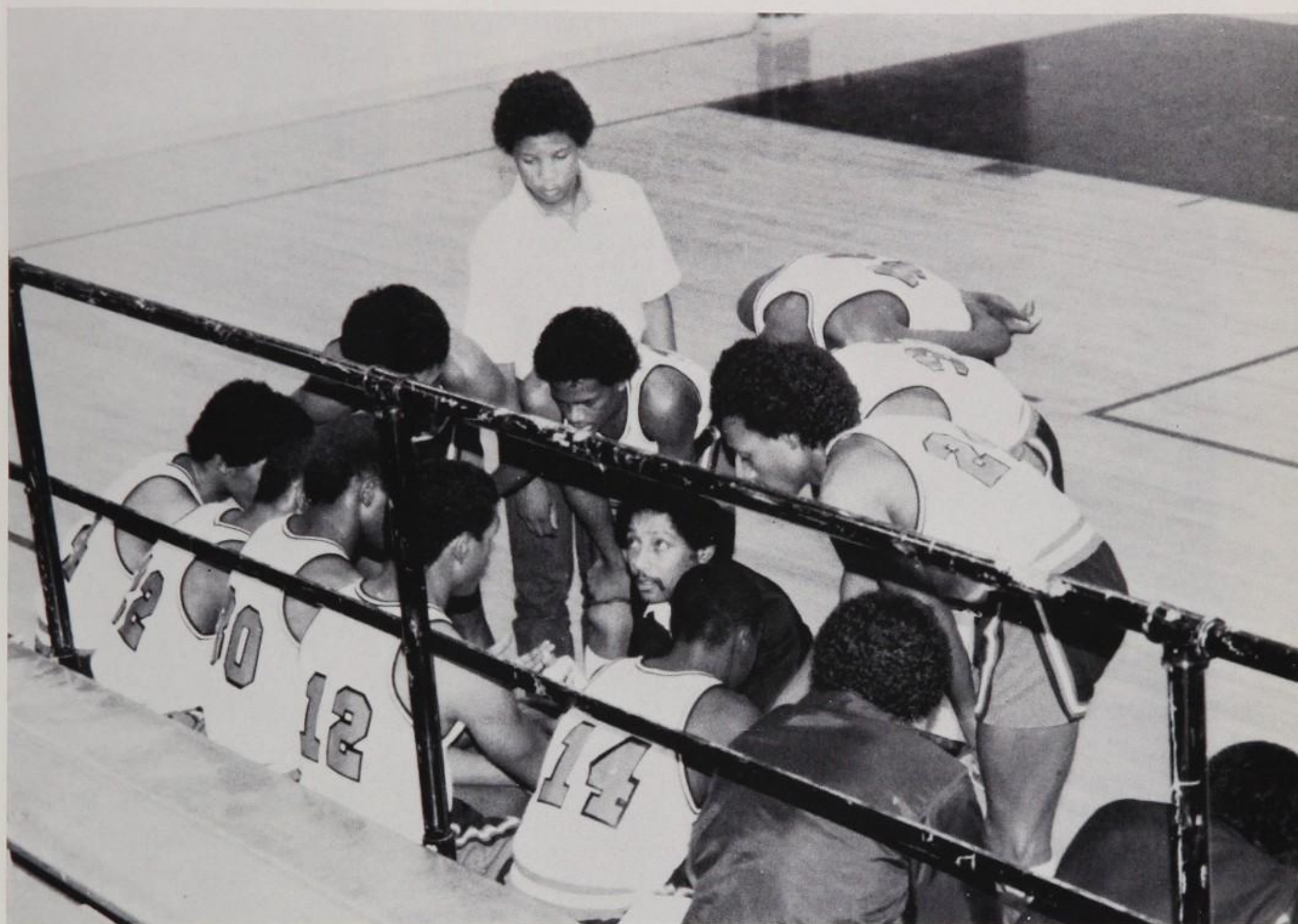
Teague	35	27
Hillsboro	51	59
Teague	54	17
Fairfield	52	98
Connolly	42	56
Calvert	63	49
West	75	37
La Vega	61	20
Calvert	60	39
Jeff-Moore	60	77
Robinson	76	40
Tenneyson	61	60
La Vega	61	29
Crockett	41	56
Madisonville	68	77
Groesbeck	51	42

10 Wins, 6 Losses

as I possibly could have wished for it to be. We just fell short of making the playoffs. I personally didn't play as well as I did last year, but we played together as a team and did

what we had to do to win. I will miss playing when I graduate. The only thing I regret is that we didn't get our secret weapon (Coach Cobb) sooner. We could have been unstoppable.

The Blackcats listen to last minute instructions before the Fairfield Eagle game here from Coach Johnson.



9th Basketball
Mexia/Opponent

Teague	36	21
Hillsboro	48	24
Teague	48	17
West	59	30
La Vega	48	45
West	40	15
La Vega	37	31
Crockett	40	44

7 Wins, 1 Loss



9th Basketball:

Front: Rex Woods, Robert Gilmore, Gary Echols, Chris Curry Back: Edwin Ennis, Robert McCullen, Robert Freeman, Fred Henderson, Willie Herring

"Watching the cheerleaders keeps my spirit up for the game." Gary Echols, Fr.

Butterflies . . .

Q. How did you feel about the season?

A. Charles Estes, JV: "This season was a learning season to me because we adjusted to a totally new program and changed the offensive plays and that was really a challenge to me to try and adapt to the new system."

Basketball made up an integral part of the sports program including both boys and girls from all grades. Some of their opinions follow:

Ladycats playing hard against University.

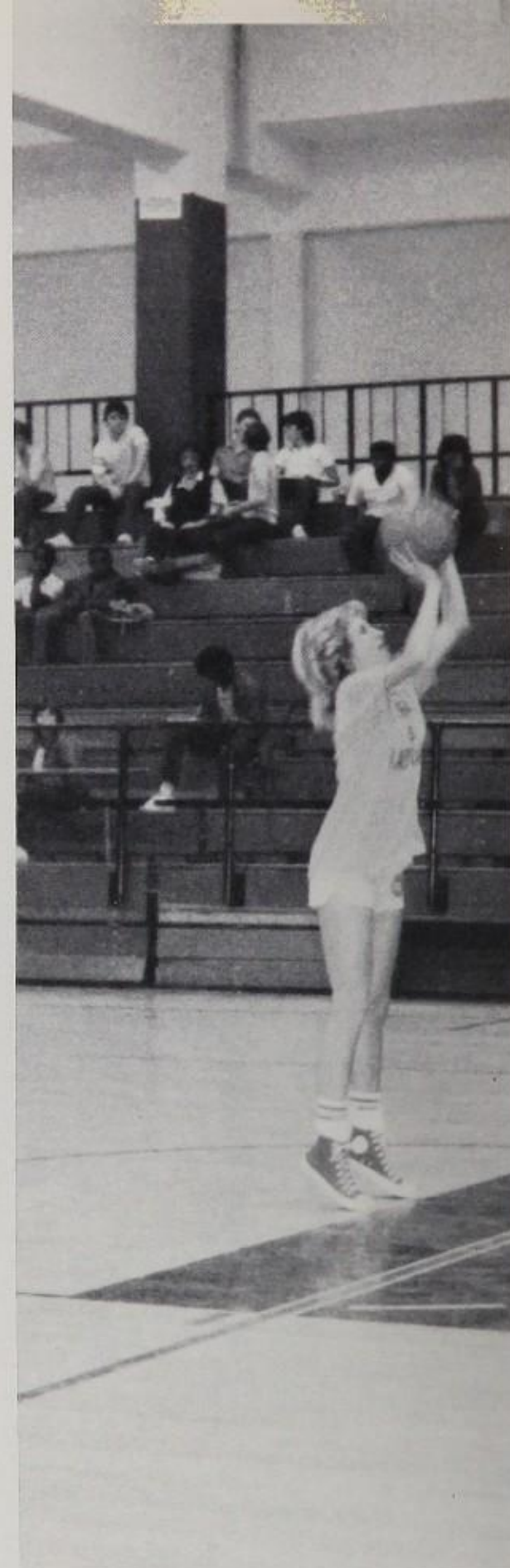
Q. How do you control "pre-game jitters"?

A. Charles Estes, JV: "The number one way to control pre-game jitters is to avoid looking into the stands when they are crowded."

A. Kim Hamilton, Varsity: "I think about the game and the way the team should play together. I think about what I should do during warmups and during the game. By that time, the game has already started."

A. Billy Williams, JV: "In the Groesbeck game, I took Alka-Seltzer and

Varsity's Lisa Ledbetter practices while students look on.



"One person cannot be the team" Kim Hamilton, Jr.



Girls' Varsity Basketball:

Kim Hamilton, Stephana Franklin, Talisha Thomas, Simone Anderson, Teneal High, Tammy Walker, Stephanie Lackhart, Pam Johnson, Rhonda Davis, Renee Proctor, Lisa Ledbetter.

Girls' Varsity Basketball Mexia/Opponent

Teague	35-34, 35-46, 50-46
Connally	37-28, 54-32
Hillsboro	42-42
Mart	52-23
Hearne	66-30
China Spr.	46-50
Kerens	25-50
University	34-35, 53-39
La Vega	50-49, 44-46
Rosebud-Lott	61-56
Groesbeck	40-52, 40-51
Westwood	45-55, 52-36
Crockett	52-23, 35-35
Madisonville	44-53, 39-72
Fairfield	59-55, 42-36

14 Wins, 10 Losses, 1 Tie

chewed gum."

A. Shawn Tucker, 8th: "You just keep saying, I think I can and I'm going to do my best . . ."

A. Jackie Stroud, 8th: "I try to calm myself down by talking to my friends and Coach Raymond."

A. Pat Henderson, JV: "Sometimes I do get butterflies."

A. Leigh Schuster, 8th: "I control pre-game jitters by keeping a positive attitude about winning."

A. Rhonda Davis, Varsity: "Before a

game, I get into a corner by myself and meditate."

Q. How important is teamwork to you?

A. Leonard Jones: "It is very important, without it you wouldn't have a team."

A. Melinda Morris, 8th: "It's very important, you can't win a game by yourself."

A. Lisa Ledbetter, Varsity: "**Very** important! It makes me mad when one person doesn't concentrate and it messes up the whole team."

Q. What will you miss most and what will you remember most?

A. Leonard Jones, Sr. Varsity: "I'll miss my teammates most. I'll remember the closest games that we pulled out in the last seconds."

A. Stephana Franklin, Sr. Varsity: "I'll remember all the good times we had playing games."

Kim Hamilton hits jump ball to teammate Lisa Ledbetter in game against University.



Girls' 8th Basketball Mexia/Opponent

Teague	50-26
Connally	37-39
Hillsboro	46-39
China Spr.	61-31
University	45-43
La Vega	43-10, 31-28
Groesbeck	35-38
Crockett	25-26
Madisonville	37-32

7 Wins, 3 Losses



Girls' 8th Basketball:

Front: Jackie Stroud, Renee Jones, Shawn Tucker, Nicole Cockrell.

Back: Mgr. Dena Tyner, Melinda Morris, Leigh Schuster, Robin Smith, Cynthia Lockhart, Mgr. Stephanie Brooks.

"If you want to win, teamwork is important." Shawn Tucker, 8th

Hard work equals success.

At the end of August while most people were at home watching TV or sleeping, the girls' volleyball teams were practicing long and hard getting ready for the volleyball season. What follows are questions asked the team members by the annual staff.

Q. Do you feel like the long, hard practices were worth it?

A. Christa Christner, JV: "Yes, I do feel they are worth it. If you don't work, you will not have any success."

A. Kim Hamilton, Varsity: "Yes!!! It feels good when you win a close game and you know it was because of the long, hard practices."

A. Melissa Morris, Varsity: "If that's what it takes to win, it's worth it."

A. Leslie Yeldell, JV: "Yes, I feel that they're worth it. Sometimes, I ask myself what am I doing here because the practices are so hard. But it pays off in the end."

A. Shelli Smith, Varsity: "Yes, sometimes, I wondered . . . especially when we ran the stairs, but all in all it's worth it."

A. Daphne Robinson, JV: "... Yes, because we had a better year than in 83-84."

A. Janetta Capers, JV: "Of course! If anything, I think we could have used more work, especially during the summer."

Q. How did you feel the first time you ever went out on the volleyball court?

A. Christa: "I was a little nervous and not sure of myself but it takes time to get used to sharing the court with five other people."

A. Kim: "... The only time I ever felt really nervous was when I was a Freshman and I came up from JV to play Varsity."

A. Yolanda Porter, JV: "Scared and mixed up wondering if I would mess up."

A. Rita Brooks, JV: "I felt nervous but ready to play."

A. Daphne: "Really nervous especially when I looked up in the stands—my hands were sweaty and I just plain had stage fright."

Q. In general, what and how did you feel about being on the volleyball team?

A. Christa: "I love it!! I would rather play volleyball than any other sport."

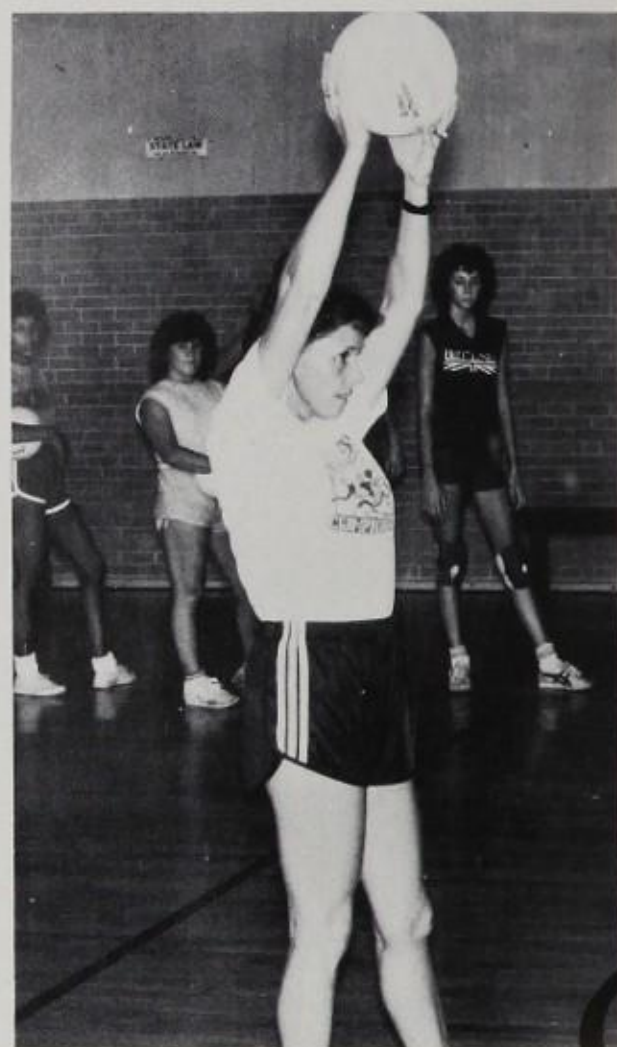
A. Kim: "I feel it is a special privilege to play on the team. You work hard in practices and it pays off when you win a real close game because you had the

extra desire to win."

A. Shelli: "I've gained a lot of close friends from all the teamwork."

All of the long hard practices really paid off in district play. The Varsity Ladycats ended up with a 5-5 district record. They played some very close and good games, and one in which Sonya got stung by a bee while she was

Coach Cobb demonstrating a shot for Sonya, Shelli, and Christa.



"It feels good when you win close games."
Kim Hamilton, Jr.



Varsity Volleyball:

Bottom: La Vonda High, Linda Smith, Shelli Smith, Wendy Foley. Top: Mgr Margaret Reiter, Sonya Eldridge, Shelli Van Winkle, Kim Hamilton, Melissa Morris, Gaile Coleman, Teneal High.

Varsity Volleyball		
Mexia/Opponent		
Westwood	2	0
Madisonville	1	2
Crockett	2	0
Groesbeck	2	0
Fairfield	0	2
Westwood	2	0
Madisonville	0	2
Crockett	1	2
Groesbeck	2	0
Fairfield	1	2
5 Wins, 5 Losses		

serving! The JV Ladycats also did a great job with a 6-4 district record.

Three of the Varsity Ladycats did a super job and were named to the all district teams. Kim Hamilton was named 1st Team All-District, Sonya Eldridge was named 2nd Team All-District, and Shelli Van Winkle was named honorable mention all-district.

Mrs. Cobb and Mrs. Raymond did a great job in coaching these two teams to such outstanding records.

The next sport in the 1984-85 season was baseball.

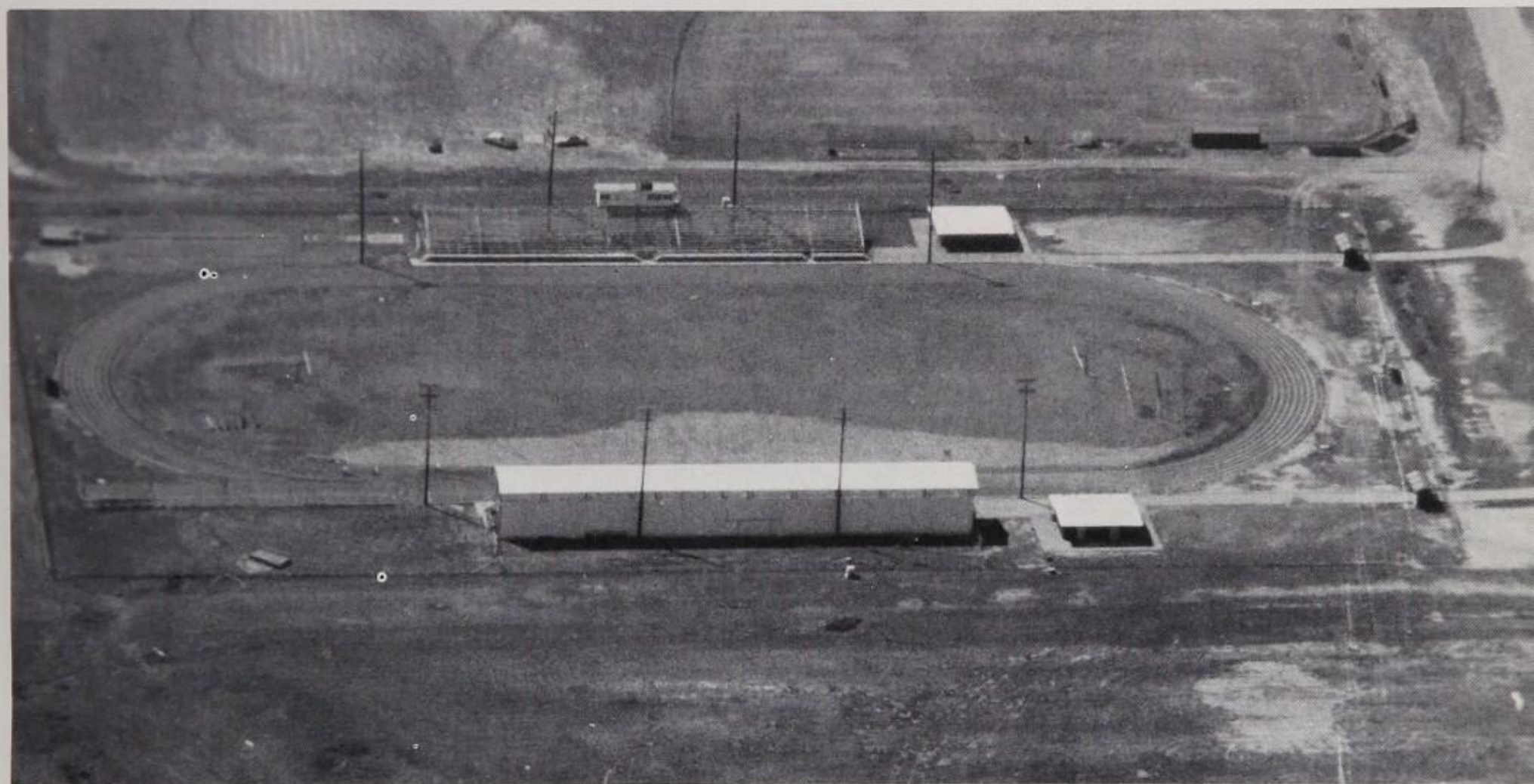
Q. Why is teamwork important to you and why?

A. Vince Palasota, Sr: "Teamwork is important to me because it is an essential element to winning. For example, last year we had a few individuals who carried the team and our record was three wins and fifteen losses. This year we have been playing as a team, we are winning, and have a chance for the

playoffs."

A. John Ethridge, Soph: "Without teamwork, there would be no real good baseball teams. No individual can play a game by himself. It takes a team to win a game, it takes a team to lose a game."

A. Bart Lowry, Soph: "If we don't have a team working together, we can't win. One or two players cannot carry the team to a **win!!!**"



JV Volleyball Mexia/Opponent

Westwood	1	2
Madisonville	0	2
Crockett	2	0
Groesbeck	2	0
Fairfield	2	1
Westwood	0	2
Madisonville	0	2
Crockett	2	0
Groesbeck	2	1
Fairfield	2	0
6 Wins, 4 Losses		



JV Volleyball:

Bottom: Janetta Capers, Angie Cotton, Kaye Reiter, Daphne Robinson. Top: Yolanda Porter, Leslie Yeldell, Christa Chrisner, Mary Teel, Rita Brooks.

"If you don't work, you will not have success." Christa Chrisner, Jr.

Forget the past!

84-85 baseball team goes to playoffs.

Q. What position do you play on the team and how does it contribute to the team?

A. Jim Bosley, Jr: "I play the catcher. The catcher has a lot of responsibilities. He has to call the pitches the pitcher throws. He has to keep the infield aware of how many outs there are, and he is suppose to be the motivator and leader on the team."

Q. How does your position help the team?

A. Bart Lowry: "If I wasn't there, then there would be a hole there for balls to go through. Then there wouldn't be any double plays!"

A. Vince Palasota: "Short stop is usually called the hot spot of the infield and often is a very difficult position to play."

A. John Ethridge: "I'm usually just used for pinch running or a courtesy runner. 'That's when you run for someone else.' With the slow man off and me on, it can make a big difference. I help the team offensively mostly. If a ball is missed, I could advance while the slower man couldn't."

Q. Who or what inspired you to play baseball?

A. Vince: "I really don't know of any one person who inspired me to

play. I have always been self-motivated."

A. Bart: "NO ONE. I started when I was five years old. I've been playing ever since. I haven't missed a year yet."

A. John: "No one really inspired me to play baseball. I have been playing the game since the age of five. Coach Ball and Coach Bowling are the ones who inspired me to keep playing. We're lucky to have two coaches like them."

Q. How do you prepare for a "big game?"

A. Jim Bosley: "To prepare for a big game, I like to just try and

"Coaches inspire me to keep playing." John Ethridge, Soph.



Baseball

Bottom: Ktroy Brooks, Randy Craig, John Ethridge, Chris Tidwell, Jimmy Porter, Bobby Sterling, Vince Palasota. Top: Bret Lowry, Bret McGowan, Jim Bosley, Bart Lowry, George Johnson, Rex Woods, Anthony Asberry, Byron Porter, Obie Arnold.

Varsity Baseball				
Mexia/Opponent				
Hillsboro	6	8,	10	0
Coolidge	23	1,	13	1
Robinson	7	6,	5	7
Teague	6	7		
Groesbeck	14	3,	4	1, for.
LaVega	7	3		
Westwood	4	1,	2	8
Madisonville	11	6,	5	1
Crockett	3	14,	6	1
Fairfield	9	8,	3	2
14 Wins, 5 Losses				
District Champs				



George Johnson pitches one of his famous curve balls.

relax. I talk to the other players on the team about what we need to do."

Q. Do you plan to play baseball when you go to college? Any hopes for the pros?

A. Vince: "Yes, I plan to play for Texas A&M's junior varsity for the first two years and then hopefully on to the varsity."

Jim Bosley summed up the year with a few comments. "I think people should stop bad mouthing us about the past, and look at this year to see that we're in first place with a chance to go to the playoffs." So true Jim!!!

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The ball's so little!!

Shelli Smith swings for a low score.

The 1984-85 golf teams consisted of thirteen MHS students-five girls and eight boys. The Annual Staff was curious about the different aspects of the game and asked these athletes their opinions. Unfortunately only two responded.

What follows are Shelli Smith's and Shanna Wilkin's responses.

Q. What is the hardest part about golf to you? Why?

A. Shelli: "The hardest part about golf to me is putting and chipping because it takes a lot of concentration and time. You have to take more time to line up the ball to get it just right."

A. Shanna: "Hitting the ball!! It's so little!!"

Q. Do you like playing the teams in our new district? Why?

A. Shelli: "No, they don't seem to be as nice as the ones in our other district. They are also a lot better so now we have some competition."

A. Shanna: "They're okay. They are all better than us, though."

Q. How did you get started playing golf?

A. Shelli: "When I was little my mother played golf a lot, so I went



No response.



Boys' Golf

Seated: Chip Winfrey, David Myers, Jay Moore, Joe Lucas. Standing: Wesley Allen, Nile Hawkins, Brian Carter. Not Pictured: Porter Briggs.

Boys' Tournament Schedule

2/25 Crockett Invitational
3/18 Madisonville Invitational
3/25 Teague Invitational
4/11 1st round district at Crockett
4/15 2nd round district at Madisonville

with her sometimes and just tried to play."

A. Shanna: "My dad plays, so I guess I got interested through him."

Q. Why do you like playing golf?

A. Shelli: "I don't know because it gets me so frustrated when I mess up."

A. Shanna: "I really don't know."

Q. Was it difficult for you to learn the

rules and techniques required to play golf?

A. Shelli: "No, most places have different rules for different things, they are basically the same but also different. The rules are mostly stuff you can figure out."

A. Shanna: "Yes, because I still don't know them!"

Q. How have the new state laws affected your game schedules?

A. Shelli: "The new state laws haven't affected our game schedules because we still play at the same times. I think the only reason they let us play during school is because no country club or golf course will give up their weekend tournaments for school kids."

Thanks girls for your thoughts.

Porter Briggs tees off.



Mitzi Fountain concentrates on the ball.



Girls' Tournament Schedule

3/11 Crockett Invitational

4/1 1st round district at Crockett

4/15 2nd round district at Madisonville



Girls' Golf

Mitzi Fountain, Shanna Wilkins, Stephanie Beene, Shelli Smith, Joanna Hill

"I get so frustrated when I mess up." Shelli Smith, Jr.

Victor Adams posing for a photo after attending the state meet in Austin on May 10th.

Because of House Bill 72, the participation in track and field events in the 84-85 season was greatly diminished. Usually annual pictures were crowded with athletes and too many pictures caused a crowded page. As one can see, that was not the case this past year.

As with the other sporting events at MHS, the Annual Staff queried these athletes also. Their responses follow:

Q. How do you control your nerves before a track meet?

A. Victor Adams, Jr.: "By chewing gum and counting the minutes and seconds."

A. Mary Lambert, 8th: "I walk around and I pray."

A. Verdell McDaniel, Jr.: "By putting heat on my body."

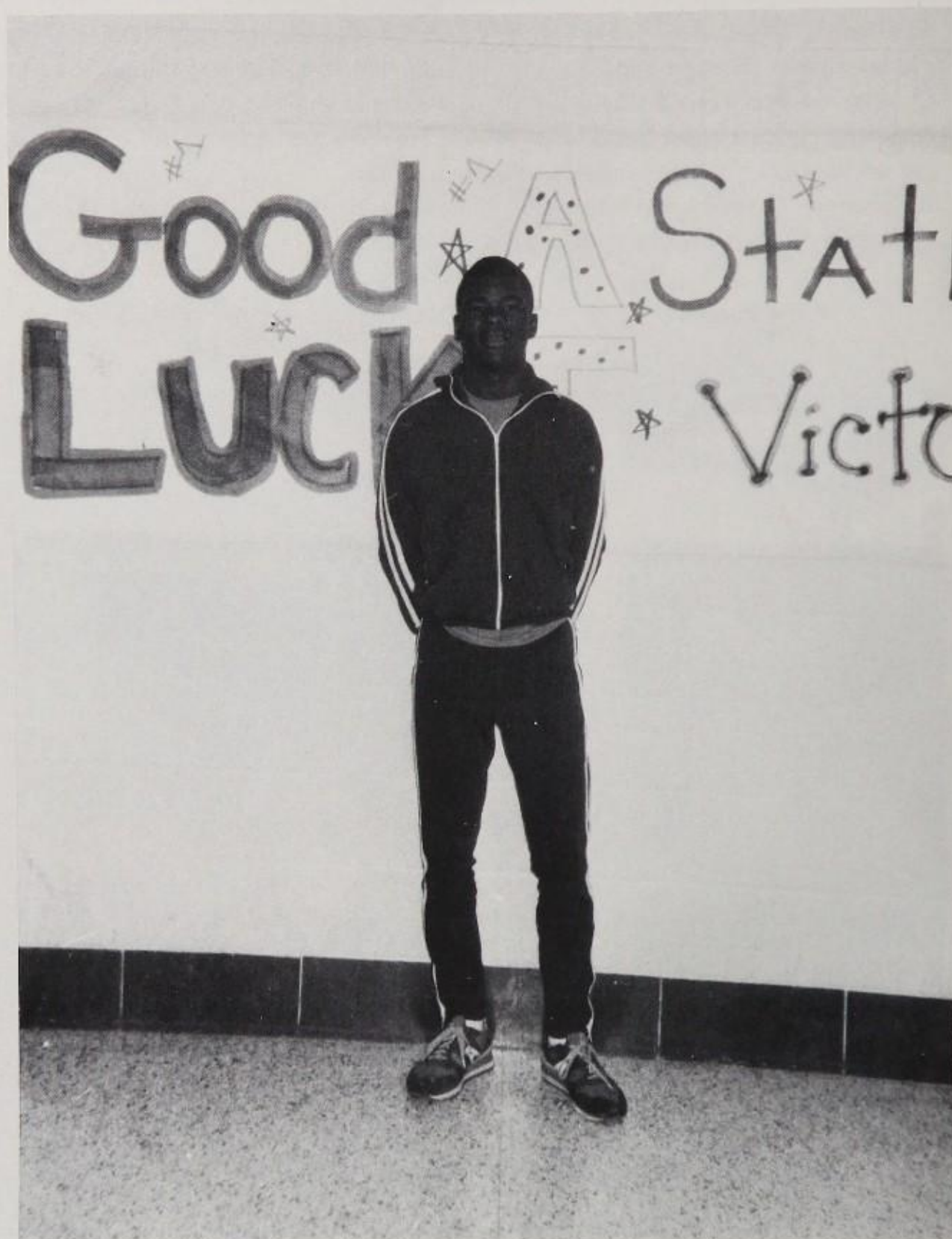
A. Jerry Current, Sr.: "Relax and kind of lay back like a dead fly. I also concentrate on the way I'll have to run—if I'll have a kick at the 3rd or 4th turn."

Q. How do you prepare for your event(s)?

A. Victor: "By running a lot of open road cross-country or speedwork on the track."

A. Mary: "I practice almost all the time to get in shape."

A. Leonard Jones, Sr.: "I run five or six miles a day."



"I concentrate on the way I'll have to run to control my nerves." Jerry Current, Sr.

Boys' Track

Front: Leonard Jones, Dickey Washington, Clint Flatt, Jerry Current.

Back: Victor Adams, Verdell McDaniel, Byron Porter, Willis Ratcliff, Larry Blocker, Ktroy Brooks.



Mexia student goes to state meet.

8th graders—need we say more?

Nerves are greater at state meet.



Q. What are your feelings when you win an event?

A. Victor: "I feel great knowing all that running is paying off."

A. Mary: "I feel happy."

A. Jerry: "Super. Like I have achieved what I have worked for, for so long."

A. Leonard: "Happy, excited."

This year brought a special honor to MHS generally and Victor Adams specifically. Victor attended the State Meet placing 5th in the 2-Mile and 4th in the 1-Mile. To honor this accomplishment, Principal Lucas declared May 10th Victor Adams Day. We asked Victor how all this felt. "It's great knowing that the students and teachers are supporting you and acknowledging your accomplishments. It's not really all that different from any other meets. It feels the same just a lot more nerves."



"I feel happy winning." Mary Lambert, 8th

Girls' Track:

Kim Hamilton, Sonia Hogan, Jenny Allen, Darlene Winn, Cheryl Beachum, LaVonda High, Teneal High, Wendy Foley, Mary Lambert.

Sports challenge athletes.

The sizes of the two tennis teams for 1984-85 were about the same as 83-84. The difference in 84-85, as in most other sports, was the necessity of playing all games after school. In other words, no classes were missed.

What follows are responses to interviews concerning their sport—tennis.
Q. Is it easier to play doubles or singles?

A. Kathy Hitt, Varsity: "It isn't easy to play either one. Doubles, maybe, because you have a partner to help you. If you miss a shot, your partner may be able to hit it back. But playing either one takes all effort."

A. Leanne Kennedy, JV: "Doubles, because you can rely on your partner a lot."

A. Sherrie Gilroy, JV: "For me, it's easier to play doubles 'cuz I don't have to run all over the court chasing the balls. In doubles you only have to play half-court."

A. Karen Jones, Varsity: "It just depends. In doubles you have a partner to count on, but there is also one extra person to make mistakes. In singles, the only person you have to blame is

yourself so it is sometimes easy to get upset or discouraged."

Q. Do you prefer singles or doubles? Why?

A. Kathy: "I've played doubles for four years but I'm fixing to change and play singles so I don't really know which one I like better. I just enjoy playing tennis."

A. Leanne: "Doubles are a lot of fun but singles require a lot more concentration and are more of a challenge. Also you have no one to blame for mistakes."

A. Karen: "I prefer singles because it's hard enough keeping track of my own mistakes without having to worry about someone else. I do enjoy doubles though because it seems more relaxing to play with more people and let a partner bear some of the pressure."

Q. How have the new laws affected the tennis games?

A. Karen: "We just don't get to miss **any** classes to go to games so we haven't gotten to play in many tournaments since they usually last a couple of days. Also the tournaments we do have are on Saturday which makes it

hard if you work. I guess things really haven't changed that much but scheduling is a lot harder than it was last year."

Q. Was it hard for you to learn to play tennis?

A. Kathy: "No, I have enjoyed tennis since I was younger. The first year I was on the tennis team, we had a great coach who taught me how to play tennis. He worked with the team and showed us good techniques of tennis. It's very enjoyable for me."

A. Leanne: "No, not really, I took lessons when I was younger and that helped me a lot I think."

A. Karen: "I started playing when I was real young so I just kind of learned it gradually. I don't really remember it as being hard because it has always been something that I enjoyed doing. It takes practice, but it's worth it."

Leanne summed the game up with the following comment. "Tennis is a very good game, you have to keep your concentration and think about what you are doing, you can't just goof off. I think that it is a very challenging game."

"Playing singles or doubles takes all effort." Kathy Hitt, Varsity.

Varsity Tennis.
Front: Robert Gilmore, Kurt Letzering. Back: Kathy Hitt, Shelli Van Winkle, Karen Jones.



We mustn't forget the MHS coaches.

Back: Ted Williams, Bob Bowling, Chuck Caskey.

Front: Head Coach Norman Cobb.



"You have to keep your concentration." Leanne Kennedy, JV.

JV Tennis.

Front: Christie Jackson, Sherrie Gilroy, Jill Merryman, Leanne Kennedy. Back: Cliff Leath, Chris Parks, Lewis Turner, Kelly Bounds.

It's my favorite class.

Chris Crowder "Pumps the Iron"

This past year saw 8th grade athletes participating in various sports. The boys competed in football, basketball, and track, while the girls participated in volleyball, basketball, and track.

Many of these students were preparing themselves for participation

Mike Konczak and Robert Clemmons look on as Dew West does his squats.



in high school competition. Asked what his plans were after 8th grade football, Jamie Boyd said . . . "he plans to try out for split end and corner back on the Freshman football team. Jon Bruce Childs, Bill Bailey, and Sonny Young said they participated in athletics because "it's FUN and it was their favor-

Basketball practice during girl's athletics. Todd Freeman: "I know I could lift this yesterday."

ite class."

Marty Miller, who participated in track this season, said she will try out for volleyball and tennis in the 85-86 season. She said the girls run all year to

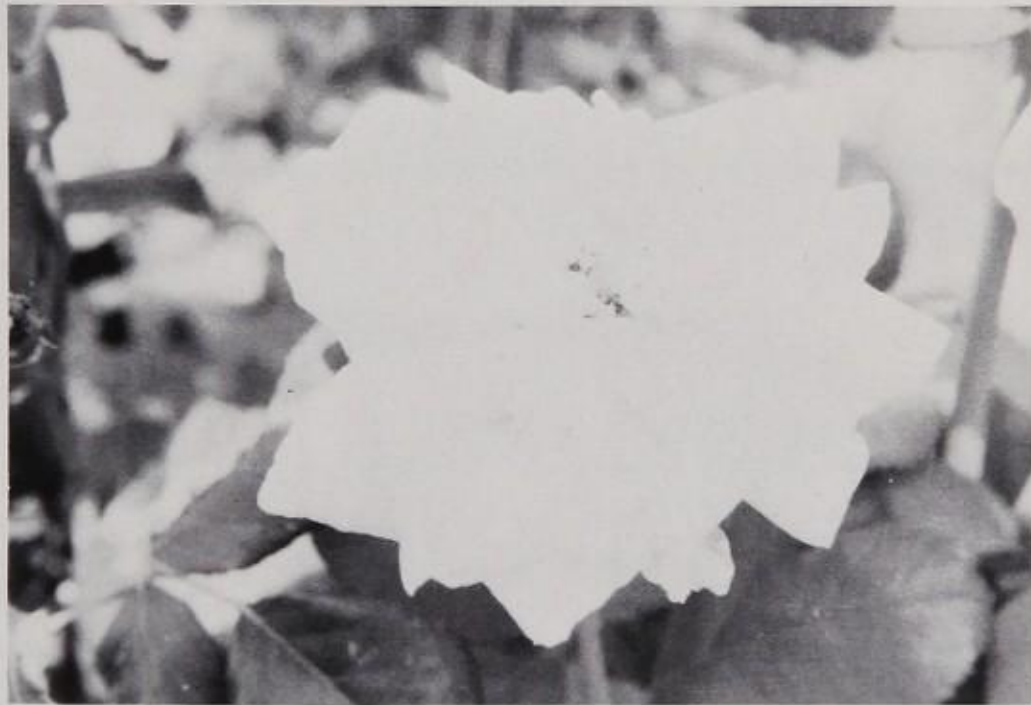


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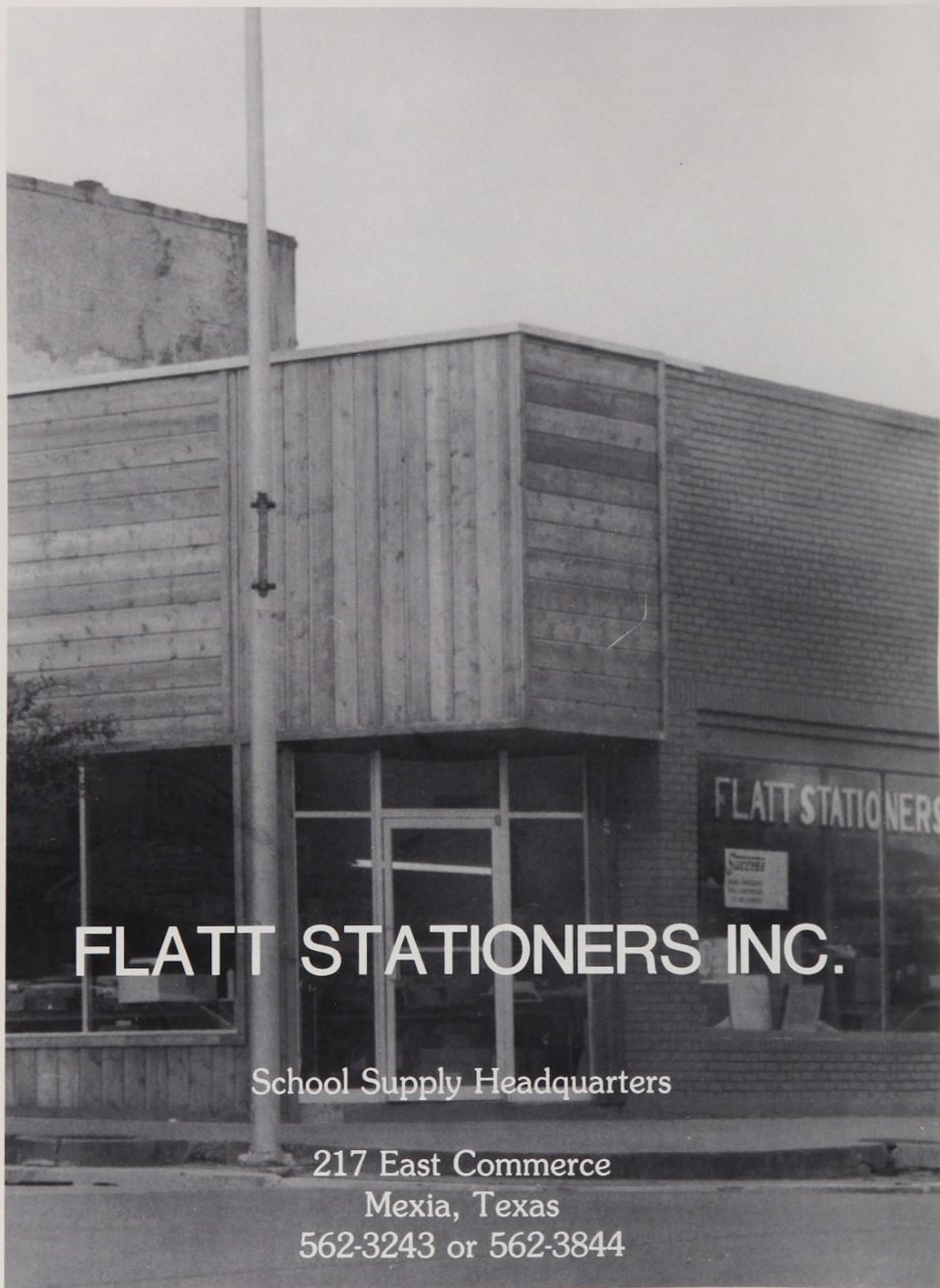
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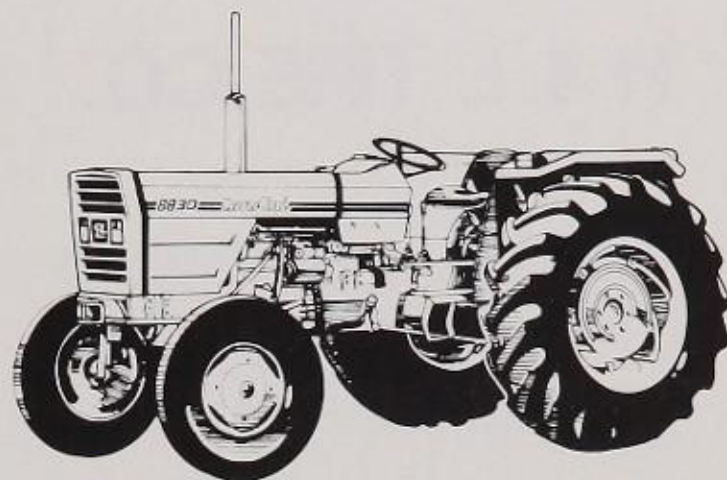
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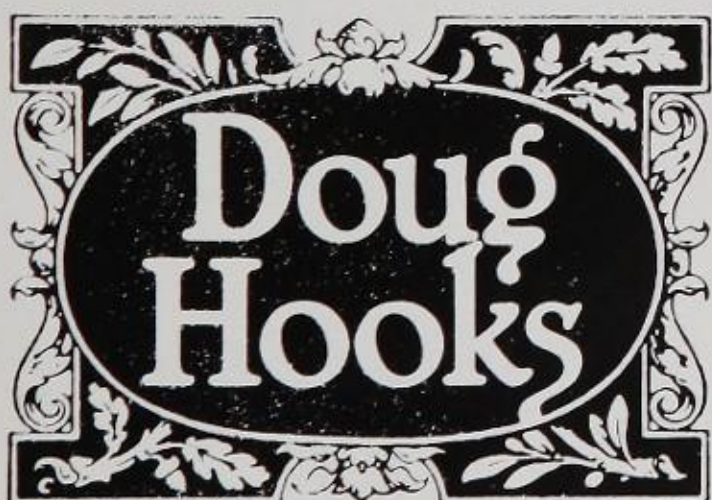
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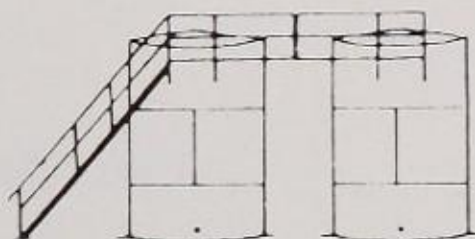
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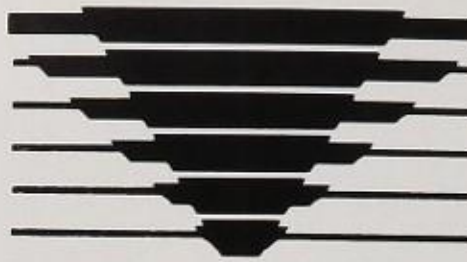


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The advertisers came through as usual and their support is crucial. Thank you again.

Listed below are just a few of those we wish to thank specifically. If we left you out, please forgive us, it's 11:30 p.m. May 20th and our deadline is drawing nigh. Leon L. Martin and Arlene Powe—aerial shots of the school and city.

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 Edith Truett—use of Blake Smith's house.
 Jan Phillips' house to take Homecoming pictures.
 Pat Pilkington—JV Cheerleaders' group picture.
 Thanks to everyone and good luck in '86.
 Margaret McLain, Annual Staff Sponsor
 5 years and retiring!!!

Seniors attend Baccalaureate services.

MHS auditorium place of last events.

Baccalaureate services were held on May 19, 1985 in the Mexia High School auditorium. This event was the next to the last for the seniors of '85.

Donnette Loden provided the music for the processional and recessional. The invocation was delivered by Marcus Sheffield, Youth Education Director of The First Baptist Church. Dr. Wayne Robinson, pastor of the First Christian Church, delivered the sermon. Soft music was provided by Theron Thomas, a member of the senior class. The benediction was delivered by Cal Hoffman, associate pastor of The First United Methodist Church.

All sorts of thoughts were running through the senior's heads from excitement to sadness. We wish them all well and good fortune.



In the grand old State of Texas,
Beneath fair, southern skies,
You'll find some lads and lassies,
In whom love and Honor lie.
We are gay and free and happy,
Nor courage do we lack,
For we're the true defenders,
Of the Crimson and the Black.

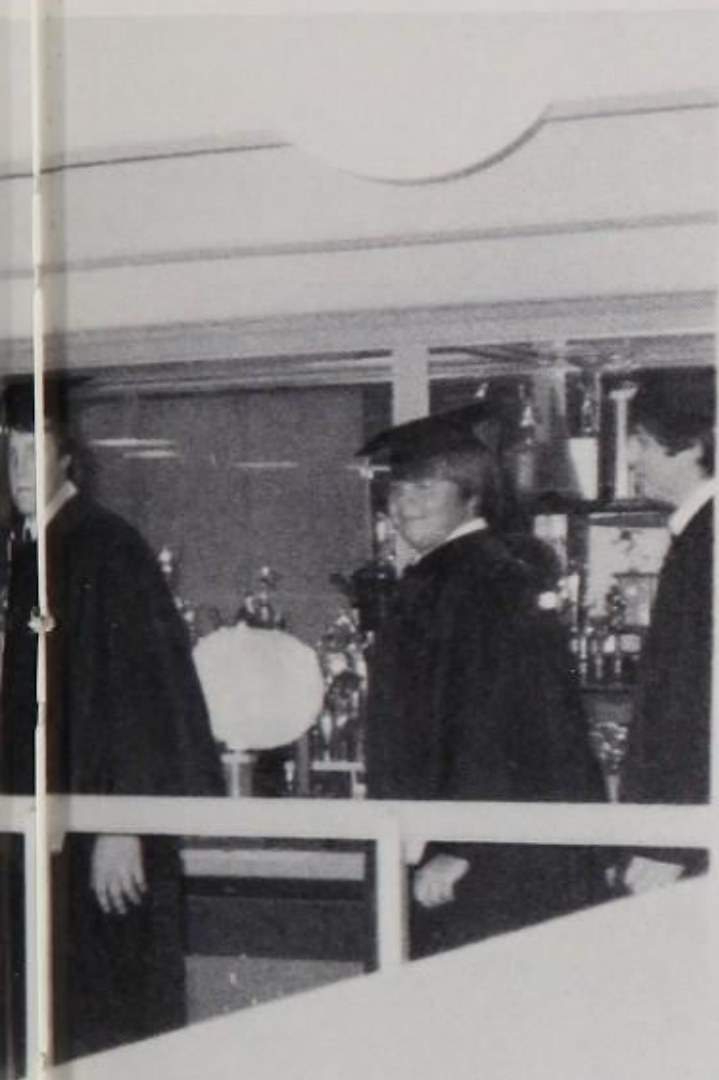
In our school you'll always find
us,
Foremost in work and play.
In our studies we're not slackers,
In our sports we gain the day.
Let it be in field or football,
In basketball or track,
We'll bring honor to Mexia,
And the Crimson and the Black.

When our school days have passed o'er
us
And we leave Mexia High,
Still in love with Alma Mater,
We will laud her to the sky.
Although we may all be parted,
Fond memories will turn back,
To the friends and gay companions,
Of the Crimson and the Black.

The Crimson and The Black

Jay Moore leads seniors down stairs.

Seniors awaiting entry into auditorium.



Ginger Simmons Winkler stops for a photograph.

Seniors' antics.

Seniors, seniors, seniors . . .



New doors opened into life.

The ending of this school year brought many different thoughts and ideas to all students. For the Seniors the ending of this school year opened up a new door into their lives. Some Seniors went to college, while others found jobs.

To the underclassmen, May 24th brought a feeling of happiness. Many went on vacations ranging from sunning in the hot sand on the beach to snow skiing in New Mexico. Many students remained at home during the summer "anxiously" awaiting another wonderful year at Mexia High.

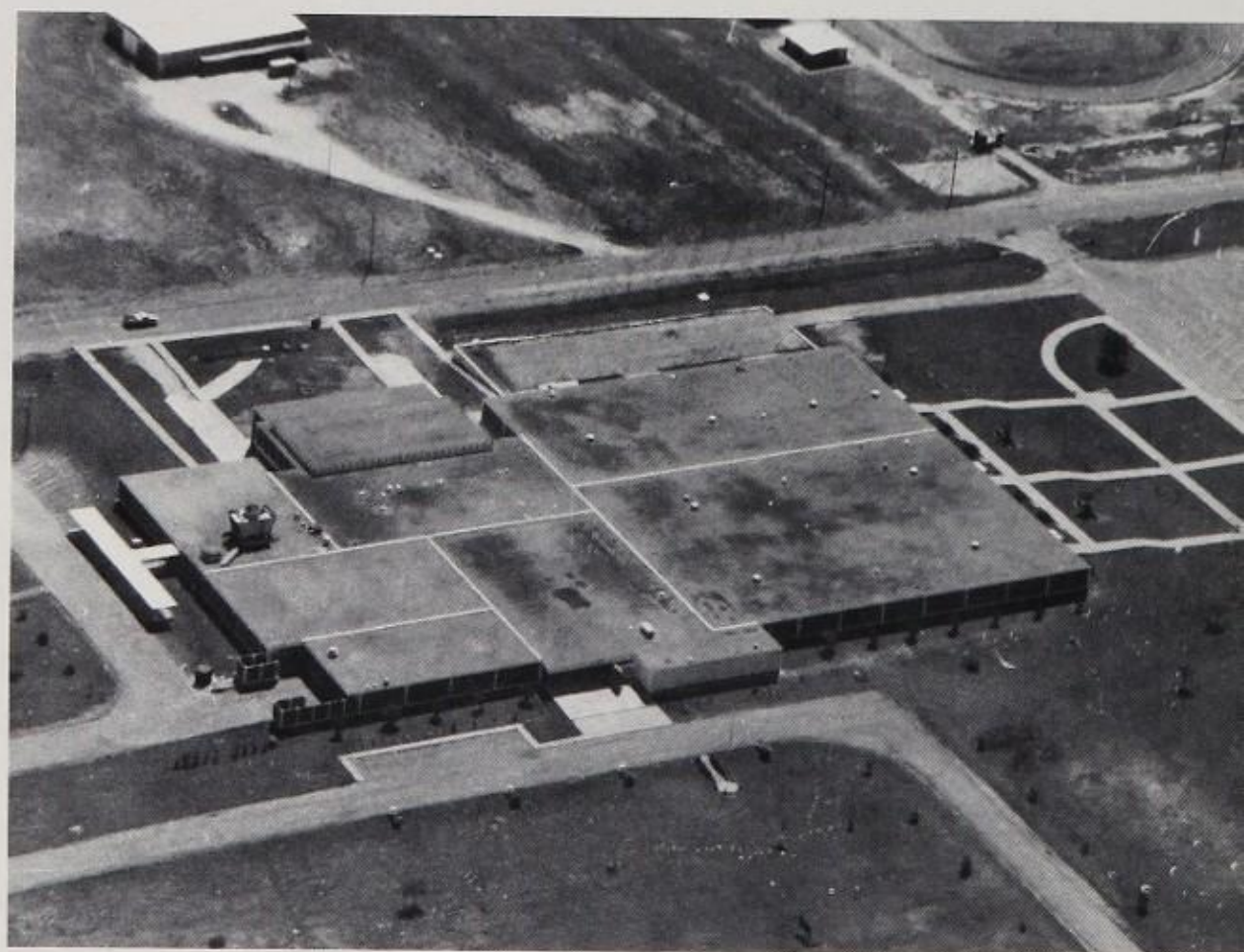
The teachers also looked forward to the summer months vacation with pay that was set aside for this time.

So off went the Seniors,

underclassmen returned.

Some teachers came back, while others were burned.

To each and every student, the ending of the year brought yet another "slice of life" including another year old and hopefully a little wiser.



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